

October 13, 2022

**RESOLUTION HONORING MEGAN SYLVIA  
MISS NEW BEDFORD 2022**

**WHEREAS,** The Miss New Bedford Pageant is the official preliminary to the Miss America Pageant, and is the largest single source of scholarships for young women in the world; and

**WHEREAS,** Since 1954, when the New Bedford Jaycees began sponsoring the Miss New Bedford Pageant, the young women who compete for the crown of Miss New Bedford have always been intelligent, articulate, talented, hardworking and wonderful ambassadors of young women, who are motivated to succeed by choosing platforms that make a great contribution to our local community and promote public service; and

**WHEREAS,** For over sixty years, The Miss New Bedford Pageant has advanced the continued education of pageant contestants through the generous granting of scholarship awards and has provided an arena for young women from the Greater New Bedford area the opportunity to advocate for causes that are of importance to them; and

**WHEREAS,** Megan Sylvia, was named Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** Megan Sylvia, is the 68<sup>th</sup> young woman to hold the title of Miss New Bedford; she is a recent graduate of Bridgewater State University, where she was a Dean's List student, graduating in 2021, with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and now is a Elementary Health Teacher in New Bedford Public Schools and is continuing to advance her teaching career by obtaining her Master's Degree in Education and her Professional Teacher's license in Health and Family/Consumer Science; and

**WHEREAS,** Megan Sylvia, Miss New Bedford, competed for the title of Miss Massachusetts 2022, and placed among the top 10; and

**WHEREAS,** Making fifty appearances as Miss New Bedford Megan Sylvia worked full-time and two additional part-time jobs, and participated in many City-wide events and parades, partnered with the United Way of Greater New Bedford and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, held book drives to benefit the United Way's Wash and Read Program and the Boys and Girls Club; and

**WHEREAS,** As Miss New Bedford, Megan Sylvia raised \$10,000.00, creating the Playground Project for a school playground, a talented vocal performer, she auditioned for "The Voice" and "America's Got Talent, has sung the National Anthem numerous times during the year and hosted her own talk show, "The Miss New Bedford Insider"; and

**WHEREAS,** Miss New Bedford, Megan Sylvia, will be forever grateful to the Miss New Bedford Scholarship Program, an organization that contributed to her growth as a young woman and her confidence to pursue her dreams:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **MEGAN SYLVIA**, for her year of service as **MISS NEW BEDFORD 2022**, thanks her for representing our City so well, congratulates her on her many accomplishments and wishes her much luck and success in the future.

Offered by:

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