

By Legislators Brew and Roman

Intro. No. \_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2022

*IN MEMORIAM*

**EXPRESSING REGRET OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE  
RECENT PASSING OF NAN JOHNSON, FORMER MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATOR**

*BE IT RESOLVED*, that on New Year's Day 2020, Nan Johnson gathered with 99 other women in the March for Women's Equality wearing Suffragist white on the streets of Pasadena, California, in the Tournament of Roses Parade as part of a float commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave U.S. women the right to vote; and

*WHEREAS*, Nan dedicated her life to public service including as Monroe County Legislator, 21st District from 1975 to 1995, served as the first female Majority Leader and also served six years as chairwoman of the Human Services Committee, overseeing the largest part of the County budget; and

*WHEREAS*, Nan worked as a political science and women's studies professor at the University of Rochester, was a trustee of the State University of New York; a passionate second-wave feminist, and an inexhaustible warrior for child welfare, prison reform, public education and many other measures of how societies treat their most vulnerable; and

*WHEREAS*, In 1995, Nan became the founding director of the U of R's Susan B. Anthony Center, served on the Board of the Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, was instrumental in the formation of the Maternal, Infants and Children Policy Group in the County Legislature, and with Legislator Joanne VanZandt, formed the Monroe County Advisory Committee on Women's Issues; and

*WHEREAS*, In 1998 Nan co-chaired Forum 98 marking the 150th anniversary of the first U.S. Women's Rights Convention, which was attended by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Frederick Douglass, and was held in Seneca Falls, NY, in July 1848; and

*WHEREAS*, Nan Johnson passed away on November 25, 2022, six months after the passing of her husband of 65 years, Bill Johnson, in Pasadena. Nan and Bill were what Hollywood would call a "power couple" who both worked tirelessly to beautify and preserve Rochester's historic neighborhoods in addition to raising two children; and

*WHEREAS*, Nan is survived by daughter, Miranda Johnson-Haddad and her husband Mark Haddad of Pasadena, son Reed Johnson and wife Marla Dickerson of Los Angeles and three grandchildren.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

*This resolution was adopted unanimously with each legislator rising in his or her place for a moment of silence.*

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