



## **New York State Board of Elections**

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION 24-07**

#### **Honoring Co-Chair and Commissioner Douglas A. Kellner**

**WHEREAS**, Douglas A. Kellner has admirably served the people of New York State in his role as Co-Chair to the New York State Board of Elections for nearly two decades; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kellner has been a champion of voting rights and worked on the implementation of many comprehensive election reforms including the modernization of voting technology and implementation of early voting; *and*

**WHEREAS**, He has been an outspoken advocate for improving the voting process in New York while insisting on transparency, verifiability, accuracy and uniformity in voting procedures; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Prior to his tenure at the New York State Board of Elections, from 1993 to 2005, Mr. Kellner was the Democratic Commissioner for Manhattan on the New York City Board of Elections; *and*

**WHEREAS**, While serving at the City Board, he drafted model procedures to open the process of canvassing ballots to public scrutiny and assisted in the adoption of rules that provided meaningful due process in ballot challenges; *and*

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his work on ballot access, Mr. Kellner has been instrumental in promoting new technology for scanning absentee and provisional ballots; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Before he became Commissioner, Mr. Kellner was the election lawyer for the Democratic Party in Manhattan where he argued many election cases before the New York State Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Currently, Mr. Kellner is a partner in the law firm of Kellner Herlihy Getty & Friedman where he specializes in complex international asset recovery litigation. He also represents tenant groups and some non-profit institutional landlords; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kellner has served as the Chairman of the New York County Lawyers Election Law Committee and is a member of the Election Law Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Advisory Board of the Verified Voting Foundation; *and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED**, That the Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections convened on February 6, 2024, to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation for his dedicated and distinguished service to the State of New York; *and*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The New York State Board of Elections Commissioners wish Mr. Kellner the best of luck and continued success in his future endeavors.