



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

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION 24-08**

#### **Honoring Commissioner Andrew J. Spano**

**WHEREAS**, Andrew J. Spano has admirably served the people of New York State in his role as Commissioner to the New York State Board of Elections since 2014; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Spano has had a commendable tenure in public service, working in various elected and appointed positions for more than a two decades; *and*

**WHEREAS**, During his time at the New York State Board of Elections, Mr. Spano was a staunch advocate of voter education and election protection; *and*

**WHEREAS**, He supported various election reforms including closing the LLC loophole, approving upgraded election technology, and improving and expanding voter access during the COVID-19 pandemic; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Prior to his work at the Board of Elections, Mr. Spano served as Westchester County Executive where he led many community focused initiatives; *and*

**WHEREAS**, His work included passage of an environmental conservation program which preserved over 2,000 acres of open space ensuring a better quality of life for residents throughout Westchester County; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Spano also served as County Clerk and Chairman of the Westchester County Democratic Party; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Before running for office, Mr. Spano dedicated 25 years of his career to public service as a teacher, counselor, and administrator working in public schools in New York State; *and*

**WHEREAS**, He was one of the founders of the United Federation of Teachers in New York City, which seeks to raise educational standards and advocates on behalf of fair working conditions for education professionals; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Spano was awarded an honorary doctorate in Commercial Affairs by Pace University in 2004 and The O' Hare Medal awarded by Fordham University's School for Social Justice in 2005; *and*

**WHEREAS**, He originally hails from the Bronx and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Fordham University; *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 congratulate Mr. Spano on his retirement and wish him the best of luck and continued success in his future endeavors.