## Mid-Hudson Library System Board of Trustees Resolution of Remembrance in Honor of Debra "Debbie" Wilcox Klein

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) staff and Board of Trustees mourn the sudden and unexpected passing of Board member Debbie Klein on December 28, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** Debbie served her first five-year term on the MHLS Board from 2016 to 2020, and was in service on the Board during her second five-year term starting in 2021; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Debbie accepted her appointment as Chair of the Board's Standing Committee on Bylaws, Policies and Procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** Debbie's excellent leadership and organizational skills contributed to the long-term success of that Committee's work, up to the day of her passing; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie agreed to serve as an inaugural member of the Board's EDI Working Group, formed in July 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the direction and scope of the Working Group was greatly aided by Debbie's contributions, insights and active involvement in presentations to the full Board; and

**WHEREAS,** Debbie also served on the Board of the Catskill Public Library from July 2018 to July 2020, working collaboratively with other Board members and library staff; and

**WHEREAS**, by volunteering her time and talent to additional local cultural attractions and environmental causes, Debbie exemplified extraordinary commitment to her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie's calm demeanor, thoughtful responses, professional background, extensive knowledge and care for the human condition was present throughout her life;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Mid-Hudson Library System

**Recognizes** the many invaluable contributions of Debra "Debbie" Wilcox Klein during her seven years of service on the MHLS Board of Trustee;

Remembers Debbie for her grace, kindness and generosity of her time and talent; and

**Offers** its most sincere condolences to her family, friends, colleagues and neighbors who were an integral part of Debbie's community.