

# **Congressional Proclamation**

**Honorable Sean Patrick Maloney**

*WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities; AND*

*WHEREAS, Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc. is commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA with a virtual event featuring ADA 25 Yesterday Today Tomorrow, a video of individuals sharing their personal stories of how they benefitted from the provision of the ADA, what challenges they face today, and what their aspirations are for the future. The event will also include a discussion with guest speakers Mel Tanzman and Geri Mariano; AND*

*WHEREAS, Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc. advocates for the civil rights of individuals with disabilities in Dutchess County and empowers them to lead self-directed lives with independence and dignity. They believe in a society where individuals with disabilities can experience full inclusion to participate in all aspects of community life and have equal access to the same opportunities and freedom as the general public; AND*

*WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act is a momentous civil rights legislation that has brought unprecedented accessibility to America, but we recognize that training gaps, discrimination, and unfair pay still provide barriers for those with disabilities. With the work of organizations like TRI, services are provided to help address those barriers as we work towards a more inclusive future.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** *We renew our commitment to upholding the standards provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act as we celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*



July 26, 2020

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*Sean Patrick Maloney*  
Member of Congress