

**SHIRLEY LUTHER DESIGNATED AS
EMERITUS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

WHEREAS, On January 1, 2023, Shirley Luther will retire from the Grand Island Historic Preservation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, this resolution designates Shirley Luther as a Emeritus Member of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board as an honor and in recognition of her great contribution to both the Historic Preservation Advisory Board and to our community; and

WHEREAS, this Emeritus appointment will now be a part of Grand Island History, Shirley will be the first such appointment by the Town of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2022, Shirley Luther will have served on the Historic Preservation Advisory Board for 24 years. She was an original member of the advisory board and was appointed in 1998 by Supervisor Peter McMahan. During her years on the board, Shirley has been a major source of information about the homes on Grand Island, the history of the Island, and has reminded the board members of things that have happened on Grand Island that are both sad and funny, or just plain interesting; and

WHEREAS, Shirley's remarkable memory has served us well, and she has been featured in stories in the local newspapers and has allowed her observations about the Island to be recorded for posterity. As a lifetime resident of the Island, Shirley has maintained meticulous records over the years and has a collection of materials and photos that are a treasure for all who are interested in our history; and

WHEREAS, as a Gold Star Mother, Shirley, who lost her son Robert in the Vietnam War, holds a near and dear part of Grand Island and US History for the sacrifices her son and she and her family made to defend our country and our freedom; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **The Town of Grand Island recognizes Shirley Luther and designates her to the honorary position as Emeritus to the Historic Preservation Board.** Shirley Luther is a Grand Island treasure, and the awarding of emeritus recognizes that we will continue to confirm information through her meticulous records and that we can count on her for assistance with piecing together the history of our island.

November 7, 2022

John C. Whitney, P.E. — Town Supervisor

Peter Marston Jr. — Councilman

Christian Bahleda — Councilman

Tom Digati — Councilman

Mike Madigan — Councilman

