

RESOLUTION 19-48 - RECOGNIZES THE VISION AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF WARREN S. GOLDE TO THE HISTORIC CITY OF LEWES, DELAWARE AND DESIGNATES THE GATEWAY GARDEN ON FREEMAN HIGHWAY AS THE WARREN S. GOLDE GATEWAY GARDEN IN HIS HONOR:

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”), a bi-state Authority of the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey, operates and maintains the Cape May-Lewes Ferry system and adjoining facilities and infrastructure at each Ferry terminal

WHEREAS, Freeman Highway, a major access route to the Cape May – Lewes Ferry’s Lewes Terminal facility, is part of that adjoining infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Warren S. Golde, a horticulturist by profession, had a vision to create showplace gardens in and around the historic city of Lewes, Delaware, including Freeman Highway; and

WHEREAS, with assistance from the Lewes Chamber of Commerce and seven women volunteers, Mr. Golde formed Lewes in Bloom in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Lewes in Bloom has now blossomed to more than 250 members, who tirelessly maintain over 26 sites; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Golde and members of the Lewes In Bloom organization beautified the entrance to Freeman Highway, meticulously tending to it each and every year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Golde has devoted his heart and soul to these beautification efforts, which has attracted local, national, and international praise for the City of Lewes and Lewes in Bloom; and

WHEREAS, after winning the international Communities in Bloom award for a medium sized city last September, Lewes in Bloom was invited to plant a garden in Cervia, Italy for their floral festival; and

WHEREAS, Lewes in Bloom members, led by Mr. Golde, traveled at their own expense to Cervia, Italy, to create a Delaware-shaped garden – including blue and yellow flowers, blue stones for the Delaware Bay with a miniature Harbor of Refuge lighthouse surrounded by pieces of mosaic art depicting native Delaware plants and animals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby recognize the vision, dedication and hard work of Warren S. Golde to beautify our community and nurture historic preservation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority Commission does hereby designate the Gateway Garden on Freeman Highway as the “Warren S. Golde Gateway Garden” in his honor with the adoption of this resolution today, November 19, 2019.