

The Westchester County Board of Legislators
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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Monday, March 24, 2025 | 7PM

Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements
Board Chair Vedat Gashi

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS



KATE PRINGLE

PRESENTED BY MAJORITY WHIP TERRY CLEMENTS



SUKI VAN DIJK

PRESENTED BY LEGISLATOR CATHERINE PARKER

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Legislator, 8th District

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Legislator, 9th District

Judah Holstein
Legislator, 10th District

Terry Clements
Majority Whip
Legislator, 11th District

David Imamura
Legislator, 12th District

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Legislator, 13th District

David J. Tubiolo
Legislator, 14th District

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Minority Whip
Legislator, 15th District

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Legislator, 17th District



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Katherine "Kate" Pringle exemplifies the spirit of community service while balancing a distinguished professional career. As an accomplished attorney with 30 years of experience in commercial and constitutional litigation, Kate has devoted her expertise not only to her clients but also to strengthening the fabric of communities both locally and globally.

In her professional life, Kate serves as a partner in a prestigious Manhattan law firm, where she advises major corporations and nonprofits on legal risk reduction, governance enhancement, and consensus-building. However, it is her unwavering commitment to public service that truly sets her apart.

For the past 16 years, Kate has been a cornerstone of the Pelham community, channeling her professional skills into numerous local organizations. Her board service with Huguenot Memorial Church and the Pelham Art Center has helped these institutions navigate change and growth. Her contributions to the Personnel Committees of Huguenot and the Hudson Valley Presbytery have strengthened their operational foundations, while her participation in the School District Community Outreach and Advocacy Committee has supported educational initiatives.

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Kate's dedication to fighting hunger represents one of her most significant contributions to society. During her nine-year term on the board of Bread for the World, including three years as Board Chair, she demonstrated remarkable leadership in building coalitions across diverse faith communities and working with bipartisan congressional support to address hunger in the United States and worldwide.

Her community involvement extends beyond formal roles to the everyday activities that build community bonds. From organizing the annual Huguenot Charity Christmas Tree Sale to running the Huguenot Hoops kids' basketball program, hosting Novel Night dinners, and participating in initiatives such as Hope Community Kitchen and Thanksgiving in a Box food drives, Kate puts her values into action.

Together with her husband, John McCormick, Kate has raised three children in Pelham Manor, instilling in them the same values of responsibility and community engagement that have guided her own life. As her children now transition to college, Kate remains deeply grateful for the community that has supported her family and continues to find ways to give back.

Through her professional excellence, volunteer leadership, and everyday acts of service, Katherine Pringle embodies the ideal of a community-minded citizen whose contributions have made a lasting impact on countless lives.

Suki van Dijk has established herself as a dedicated champion for women and families throughout Westchester County through her passionate community service and advocacy work. As a longtime and valued member of the Westchester County Women's Advisory Board, Suki has played an instrumental role in addressing critical challenges facing women and children across the county.

Her leadership has been particularly evident in the Board's initiatives to combat food insecurity, where she has helped develop and implement sustainable programs that provide nutritional support to vulnerable families.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Suki was at the forefront of organizing virtual forums that connected residents with essential mental health resources when they were most needed. Her advocacy has extended to maternal health, where she has worked tirelessly to improve maternal mortality rates through education, outreach, and policy recommendations.

One of Suki's most significant contributions has been her commitment to elevating the voices and accomplishments of Westchester women. Through various recognition programs and community events, she has helped spotlight the remarkable work being done by women leaders, entrepreneurs, and volunteers throughout the county.



Beyond her service on the Women's Advisory Board, Suki demonstrates her commitment to civic engagement as Vice Chair of the Rye City Democratic Committee, where she works to increase citizen participation in local governance. Her passion for grassroots activism is further expressed through her leadership in the Indivisible movement, organizing community members around issues of social justice and equality.

Suki brings a holistic approach to her community work. With a background in yoga, mindfulness and wellness enrich her perspective on community needs and solutions. Her creative talents are showcased in her book "Two Truths and a Lie," a work of contemporary women's fiction that explores themes of friendship, identity, and resilience.

Together with her husband, Suki has found a true home in Rye, a community whose values of compassion and service align with her own. She expresses deep gratitude for the opportunity to have raised her family in this supportive environment, which has both nurtured and inspired her ongoing dedication to making Westchester County a better place for all its residents.