



Proclamation

Whereas, Thomas Ruhle first started with the Town of East Hampton almost forty years ago as a Planning Board member in 1984 and served as a Town Councilmember from 1988-1991; and

Whereas, Tom was appointed to the Office of Housing and Community Development in 1992 as the Assistant Director of Housing, and was promoted in 2004 to the head of the department as the Director of Housing; and

Whereas, in his capacity as Housing Director, Tom has been responsible for overseeing a critical component of the community and has worked to address the housing needs of all the residents of East Hampton, including seniors, minorities, working families and those with income and resource limitations; and

Whereas, Tom has worked closely with other government agencies, including Suffolk County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to obtain and administer several key programs such as Section 8, Community Development Block Grants, the Community Housing Opportunity Fund, and in 2007, the Town's Housing Department was approved by HUD to become a "Comprehensive Housing Counseling Agency"; and

Whereas, most recently, Tom, as a member of the Community Housing Plan Committee and the "All Hands on Housing" initiative, was a driving force in getting the .05% real estate transfer tax referendum passed in November 2022, opening up funding opportunities to address the rapidly growing housing crisis on the East End; and


Whereas, Tom has passionately and tirelessly dedicated four decades of his time to the Town of East Hampton community; therefore be it

Proclaimed, the Town Board does hereby thank and commend

Thomas Ruhle

For a four-decade of commitment to the Town of East Hampton and wishes him the best of luck in his retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of East Hampton to be affixed this 10th day in January, 2023.


Peter Van Scoyoc, Supervisor
Town of East Hampton, New York