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Legislature Unanimously Designates July 10 as “Nikola Tesla Day”



Legislator Sarah Anker, Tesla Science Center President Jane Alcorn, and William H. Terbo, grandnephew of Nikola Tesla, attend the unveiling of the Tesla monument at Wardencllyffe in September 2013.

Hauppauge, NY; March 2014 –Legislator Sarah Anker’s legislation to designate July 10 as a countywide “Nikola Tesla Day” passed unanimously at the March 18 meeting of the General Legislature. The first Nikola Tesla Day will take place on July 10, 2014.

For the past three years, the Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe has successfully managed to educate the community about the work of renowned inventor Nikola Tesla, a man who received little recognition during his lifetime. Located in Shoreham, Tesla’s Wardencllyffe Laboratory is the single remaining laboratory where Nikola Tesla, the inventor of wireless technology, the alternating current electricity and neon lighting, conducted his research. Throughout 2012 and 2013, hundreds of volunteers united to clean the grounds of the former laboratory, with the goal of transforming the laboratory into a science museum.

“I am proud to join the Tesla Science Center in recognizing July 10 as Suffolk County’s Nikola Tesla Day,” said Legislator Anker. “I commend the members and volunteers of the Tesla Science Center for the awareness they have brought to our community. Thanks to their dedication and vision, Suffolk County will never forget Tesla’s vast contributions to technology.”

“The Board of Directors is extremely grateful to the Suffolk County Legislature for their support of our project,” said Jane Alcorn, President of Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe. “We are also thankful for its recognition of Nikola Tesla and his many contributions to society. Designating July 10 as Nikola Tesla Day in Suffolk County is a wonderful way to acknowledge Tesla and his work. Thank you to Legislator Sarah Anker for initiating this honor.”

Nikola Tesla was born on July 10, 1856 in what is modern day Croatia, where he studied engineering and worked as an electrical engineer. In 1884, Tesla relocated to New York City, to work for Edison Machine Works where he designed numerous types of machines which replaced original Edison designs. In 1887 Tesla founded the Tesla Electric Company, where he worked on the alternating current motor and other devices for power. His work included a brushless alternating current induction motor, based on a rotating magnetic field principle, and shortly thereafter, established the principle for the modern day electrical grid system.

Through generous worldwide support, the donations enabled the Tesla Science Center to secure the 16-acre industrial property, including Tesla's original tower base, as part of a science museum. For more information about the Tesla Science Center, visit www.teslasciencecenter.org.

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