

**NEW YORK BLACK LIBRARIANS CAUCUS'
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE LATE JOAN E. COLE**

WHEREAS, Ms. Joan Elizabeth Cole born on November, 18, 1934 and raised in Baltimore, MD, she the first African American woman to attend St. John's College in Annapolis, MD., and she received her M.L.S. degree from Catholic University in Washington D.C.,and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole moved to New York City in the 1960s and began her career on September 15, 1966, as a Senior Children's Librarian at the Queens Borough Public Library, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Joan E. Cole was a founding member of the New York Black Librarians Caucus and served as President of New York Black Librarians Caucus (NYBLC) from 1977-1979, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole was an invaluable member involved in years of events and activities that grew and exposed the NY Black Librarians Caucus to library professionals across the three NY library systems as well as Long Island and Westchester Counties, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole was appointed on October 10, 1981, as a Principal Librarian (Regional-Glendale) at QBPL; she served as a Regional Manager, in the Extension Services Department mentoring and training young and inexperienced library managers, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole was highly respected and left an indelible mark on the lives and professional skills of those under her wings, and;

WHEREAS, After more than 30 years of dedicated service to QBPL, Ms. Cole retired on February 12, 1999, and pursued two of her favorite activities, traveling and reading, for the next twenty-three years, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole died on Thursday, August 18, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the current membership of the New York Library Association - New York Black Librarians Caucus Roundtable formally take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Joan E. Cole numerous contributions to our beloved organization, to Queens Borough Public Library, to the Corona-East Elmhurst communities, and her colleagues in the library profession and that this resolution be communicated to Ms. Cole's family.

Signed: Taina Evans, President NYBLC on this date Thursday, August 25, 2022.