

## Resolution of Thanks to the Late Lord Mayor – *by Deputy Marianne Fredericks*

*To be presented on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons  
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

**Motion:-**

“That the Members of this Court take great pleasure in expressing to

**Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons**

their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the distinguished manner in which he has carried out the role of Lord Mayor of the City of London during the past year.

Nicholas has served as the 694th Lord Mayor and did so immediately after having served the Office of Sheriff in 2021-2022. Despite having no respite between the two, Nicholas moved seamlessly from one role to the other and we highly commend the commitment, energy and enthusiasm that both he and his Lady Mayoress Felicity have brought to this Mayoral year.

Nicholas has championed the theme ‘Financing our Future’, promoting a resilient, resourceful and responsible City, deploying capital and expertise to supercharge economic growth nationwide and grow our global competitiveness. The theme has focused on driving growth and investment especially in the areas of long-term infrastructure lending, green and sustainable finance, boosting the early-stage growth economy by mobilising private savings and pension funds and attracting international asset owners to have more of their money managed by asset managers in the UK. All of which has been underpinned by a commitment to financial inclusion and promoting financial literacy for all.

A highlight of Nicholas’ Mayoralty was the signing of the ‘Mansion House Compact’. Having worked closely with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, he was able to convene at the Mansion House nine major U.K. companies who committed to a key target which, once achieved, will unlock over £50 billion of capital by 2030, in turn helping high-growth UK companies in fintech, life sciences, biotech and clean energy to scale-up domestically.

Nicholas was fortunate in that his Mayoralty was the first in a number of years not to face any travel restrictions and he took full advantage of this in undertaking many not only domestic but also international visits including to the US, China, India, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Gulf. A little closer to home, he also took the opportunity to indulge his Anglo-Irish origins and visited Dublin for bilateral talks with the Irish Government in March of this year.

Finally, it would be remiss of me to comment on Nicholas’ year in office without recognising the role he was called upon to play in the Coronation of His Majesty

King Charles III, attired in the Lord Mayor's Coronation robes and carrying the historic Crystal Sceptre as he proudly represented the City Corporation on the world's stage.

Throughout this historic year, in all of his work, the Lord Mayor has received enthusiastic support from Felicity, the Lady Mayoress, and, as we move to the close of what we hope has been a memorable and special period for them both, this Honourable Court thanks Nicholas for all that he has done. In taking their leave of Nicholas, their 694th Lord Mayor, Honourable Members send to him, Felicity, their children and grandchildren our very best wishes for their future good health and happiness."