



**Resolution Honoring Deborah Goodrich Royce  
Upon Her Retirement from the Garden Conservancy Board of Directors**

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Goodrich Royce has been an active member of the Garden Conservancy board of directors since 2011 and a member of our Society of Fellows since 2005;

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Royce brought her professional experience in film and television and her deep involvement in restoration and re-development projects in several locations to bear on Garden Conservancy programs and projects;

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Royce served on the Development, Communications, and Strategic Planning Committees of the board, opened her garden in Connecticut as part of Open Days several times, and, with her husband, Chuck, joined several Society of Fellows garden-study tours;

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Royce and Chuck have made several leadership gifts to the Garden Conservancy, including to the Anne and Frank Cabot Fund for Project Gardens and the endowment fund;

**WHEREAS**, Deborah and Chuck Royce “closed the gap” to enable the endowment fund to surpass its \$15 million goal with a timely, additional pledge in 2010;

**WHEREAS**, Deborah and Chuck Royce hosted members of Society of Fellows at their home in Greenwich, Connecticut, at a lovely dinner in 2012, and hosted the Fellows at their historic home in Palm Beach, Florida, at an equally lovely luncheon in 2017 and again for the Board of Directors for dinner in 2018;

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Royce suggested and co-chaired the 25th Anniversary Celebration Committee, which organized several events and programs, culminating in a glittery and memorable evening at the Metropolitan Club on December 3, 2014;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Garden Conservancy that it is a great pleasure to recognize the significant contributions Deborah Royce has made to the Garden Conservancy, to name her a Director Emerita, and to convey our best wishes to both Deborah and Chuck for continued success, happiness, good health, and good gardening;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be included in the minutes of the Board and that a copy be sent to Deborah Royce to share with her family and friends.

September 12, 2018