

## 2009-K1076

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Saturday, March 20, 2010, as the official Chenango County Agriculture Day

WHEREAS, New York State and the entire Nation is dependent on the agriculture industry for the necessary food and fiber of everyday life; and

WHEREAS, American farmers and ranchers are not only an integral part of the economy, but they represent and characterize what has made America great -- hard work; and

WHEREAS, Many farms and ranches are family-owned and operated, successfully achieving financial prosperity while passing down a way of life and a commitment to the land for future generations; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize Saturday, March 20, 2010, as the official Chenango County Agriculture Day; this year's theme is "Agriculture: Abundant, Affordable, Amazing"; and

WHEREAS, The fruits grown in orchards and vineyards, the vegetables, grains and corn harvested on the numerous farms and the milk produced by the State's dairy farmers are all wholesome and nutritious foods, and are the mainstays of a balanced diet; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining an adequate supply of affordable food for our citizens is crucial to our national security; and

WHEREAS, In these unstable times it is critical to maintain a nearby supply of food for the people of New York State who might suddenly become totally dependent on our local rural areas for their food supply; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture continues to exist as the largest industry in New York State, and possesses an important environmental role in the State, keeping fertile land in production; and

WHEREAS, All farmers continue as stewards of the land, preserving open space, clean air and pure water; and

WHEREAS, All of our Nation's farmers, and particularly the farmers of New York, for their tireless efforts, deserve the recognition, support, and appreciation of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Saturday, March 20, 2010, as the official Chenango County Agriculture Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bradd Vickers, President, Chenango County Farm Bureau, 1028 County Road 19, Norwich, New York 13815.