

## 2011-J2484

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing October 16-22, 2011, as National Friends of the Library Week

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in participating in nationally-declared weeks of recognition of important organizations; and  
WHEREAS, The week of October 16-22, 2011, has been declared National Friends of the Library Week; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Library groups help raise money that provide resources for additional programming, much-needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and  
WHEREAS, Libraries are the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of lifelong learning and to connect with others; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Library groups understand the importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure libraries get the resources they need to provide a wide variety of services to all ages, including access to print and electronic materials, expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

WHEREAS, The extraordinarily dedicated members of these groups are shining examples of how volunteerism can lead to positive, civic engagement and the betterment of local communities; now, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize October 16-22, 2011, as National Friends of the Library Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Library Association.