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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Retired Senior Volunteer Program upon the occasion of observing the first Annual County Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Retired Senior Volunteer Program upon the occasion of observing the first Annual County Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Participating in County Day of Recognition for National Service will highlight the impact of citizen service, show support for nonprofit and national service groups such as Sullivan County's local Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and inspire more residents to serve in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Every day, in counties across America, national service is tackling tough problems and strengthening communities; on April 7, 2015, county leaders from across the nation will recognize the impact of Senior Corps and AmeriCorps; and

WHEREAS, The mission of County Day of Recognition for National Service, led by the National Association of Counties and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is to highlight the impact of national service and to inspire more citizens to serve; and

WHEREAS, As the federal agency for national service and volunteering, CNCS annually engages five million citizens in service at more than 60,000 locations; and

WHEREAS, In Sullivan County, under the leadership of RSVP Project Director Caryn Mathews and Sullivan County Office for the Aging, there are over 280 senior volunteers who serve at 40 local non-profits and have volunteered over 65,000 hours; and

WHEREAS, Through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund and other programs, CNCS leverages federal and private funds to support organizations that achieve measurable results where the need is greatest; and

WHEREAS, Whether supporting food banks and homeless shelters, restoring parks, building homes, providing health services, strengthening public safety and juvenile justice services, or managing community volunteers, national service members help local leaders tackle tough problems; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Retired Senior Volunteer Program upon the occasion of observing the first Annual County Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Caryn Mathews, Project Director, Retired Senior Volunteer Program.