

## 2015-J1424

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Herkimer Diamond KOA upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Promotion/Tourism Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Herkimer Diamond KOA upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Promotion/Tourism Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 47th Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at Francesca's Banquet Facility, Ilion, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Herkimer Diamond KOA is renowned for their specialty lodging in the United States, Canada, and worldwide; its accommodations include 154 sites of tenting, RV sites, and specialty lodges; and

WHEREAS, For more than 50 years, the Herkimer Diamond KOA has provided millions of campers with fun, memorable adventures; its attractions include: three active surface diamond mines, a museum, jewelry store, jewelry active center, sluicing center, West Canada creek recreation, party pavilion, restaurant, cafe, and snack bar, as well as organic gardens, a playground and fitness trail, pool, outdoor movie theater, shuffleboard, beach volleyball, horseshoes, laundry room, convenience store, concierge services, and bike rentals; and

WHEREAS, With over 150,000 visitors annually, the Herkimer Diamond KOA holds numerous recurring events such as science camps, home schooling programs, the Annual Boy and Girl Scout Jamborees, and Conservation Day; in addition, this exclusive resort holds weekly activities, and special-

ty themes each year including fly fishing, trout fishing, and cray fishing lessons on the West Canada Creek; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the positive economic impact it has on local businesses, the Herkimer Diamond KOA has received numerous awards and accolades for their high quality resort, and exemplary service including the Presidents Award, Founders Award, Property of the Year Award, Genesis Gems of Distinction Award, and many other awards associated with the Herkimer Diamond Mines, Inc., and Gems Along the Mohawk as regional key attractions in the Mohawk Valley/Central New York area; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Herkimer Diamond KOA upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Promotion/Tourism Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Herkimer Diamond KOA.