

## 2015-J1718

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Schoharie County Maple Festival on April 25, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Schoharie County Maple Festival to be celebrated on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds, Cobleskill, New York; and

WHEREAS, On January 17, 1966, the idea of a maple festival was put down on paper in the form of By-laws, officially named Schoharie County Maple Festival, Inc.; the individuals responsible for the drafting of this document include William Churchill, George Clark, Charles Hubbell, Frances Payne, and Otis Palmer; and

WHEREAS, Taking place in the small, quaint Town of Jefferson, New York, the maple festival idea revolved around the first agricultural harvest of the new year, the making of maple syrup, and other maple products; its celebration would bring together families, friends, neighbors, and any person who desired to join in on the fun and festivities; and

WHEREAS, The Schoharie County Maple Festival was sought out to help the economic growth of Schoharie County through the promotion of its maple industry and products it produces; and

WHEREAS, For many years, the success of the Schoharie County Maple Festival continued on in Jefferson but eventually, the event grew and required more space; in 1994, the Board of Directors decided to move the

maple festival to the Fairgrounds of Cobleskill which allowed the festival additional space, bathroom facilities, and parking; and

WHEREAS, Today, the monumental event of the Schoharie County Maple Festival celebrates the first and sweetest harvest of the year, maple syrup; and

WHEREAS, Through its diligence and expertise in maple syrup, the Schoharie County Maple Festival Committee has brought pride and recognition to its local community, and to our great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Schoharie County Maple Festival on April 25, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Schoharie County Maple Festival Committee.