

## 2015-K484

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Adirondack Landowners Association on May 8, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of associations which are committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings, and to the economic well-being of the areas in which they exist; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Adirondack Landowners Association, to be celebrated at a dinner on Friday, May 8, 2015, at the Minnowbrook Conference Center, Blue Mountain Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1990, the Adirondack Landowners Association (ALA) is comprised of a group of private landowners, who collectively own over 200,000 acres in the Adirondack Park; its membership, which totals over 3,500 individuals, is made up of clubs, family groups and private preserves, some with ownership dating back to the mid-1800s; and

WHEREAS, ALA was founded to encourage continued stewardship and sound resource management of the land, promote public awareness of the valuable role played by private landowners in the Park, and to advocate laws, regulations and governmental policies that promote and facilitate good stewardship by private landowners and recognize and preserve their rights in the land; and

WHEREAS, The ALA are significant employers, taxpayers, and contributors to the economic and environmental health of the Adirondack Park; in addition, this vital organization has been a leader in the study of acid

rain, wildlife management and scientific prevention of the spread of invasive species through education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of President Thomas E. Williams, ALA's members are active in a wide variety of organizations that work to support wise resource management and sound environmental conservation; many members work closely with state and local officials to help promote better communication among the various stakeholder groups in the Adirondacks through participation in workshops, discussion groups and various not-for-profit advocacy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the seasons, the Adirondack Park is a destination for visitors who seek the historical, cultural, and recreational resources of the area; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of organizations such as the Adirondack Landowners Association which work tirelessly on behalf of protecting our natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations of New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Adirondack Landowners Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas E. Williams, President, Adirondack Landowners Association.