

## 2015-J2132

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 42nd Anniversary of the New York State Tug Hill Commission to be celebrated May 28, 2015, and honoring the 2015 Tug Hill Sages

WHEREAS, Organizations and individuals which serve the interest of the people of this Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 42nd Anniversary of the New York State Tug Hill Commission, to be celebrated at the Adams County Club, in Adams, New York, on Thursday, May 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The need for the New York State Tug Hill Commission arose from local concerns that development of the region's remote, core forest would damage the region's environment, economy, and its way of life; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Tug Hill Commission first met in 1973, and has worked with the 62 towns and villages of the Tug Hill region in natural resource protection, land use planning, economic development, downtown revitalization and related fields; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Tug Hill Commission has served the interests of the people of the Empire State for 40 years in effectively carrying out its mission and demonstrating the value of its services; and

WHEREAS, Since 1983, the Tug Hill Commission has honored those individuals who have a vast knowledge of the Tug Hill's heritage and its environment, and who have shown a lifelong involvement in the region; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the Commission honors as Tug Hill Sages, George Capron, George Getman and Robert McNamara; and

WHEREAS, George Capron, a resident of Boonville, has been the voice of

the Black River for over 50 years, with his daily radio program on WBRV, and his easy going manner and calmness in covering local stories and the ever changing weather in the area; and

WHEREAS , George Getman, a resident of Turin, New York, is a lifelong logger in the Tug Hill, who also worked on the old Glenfield-Western Railroad for many years, maintaining it as a means to remove wood products to local mills; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNamara, a resident from Cleveland, New York, is an artist, illustrator and naturalist, who expressed his love for the Tug Hill region through his work with the TH Tomorrow Land Trust and his Illustrated Book, "TH - A Four Seasons Guide to the Nature Side"; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when commissions and individuals 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 commemorate the 42nd Anniversary of the New York State Tug Hill Commission, and to honor George Capron, George Getman and Robert McNamara, as the 2015 Tug Hill Sages; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Tug Hill Commission, George Capron, George Getman and Robert McNamara.