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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Annual Riverfest presented by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance on July 26, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those cultural organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; 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 Annual Riverfest, celebrated on Sunday, July 26, 2015, on Main Street in Narrowsburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, What started off in 1991 as a modest gathering of artists displaying their work and celebrating the beauty of the Delaware River, has flourished over the past 25 years into a flagship event for the hamlet of Narrowsburg and the Upper Delaware River community; and

WHEREAS, In July 2015, over 50 artisans and craft-makers came from around the region to join in this unique street fair celebrating the marriage of art and music with river ecology; vendor tents lined both sides of Narrowsburg's Main Street from one end to the other, featuring handmade items including puppets, pottery, soaps and sweaters for dogs; and

WHEREAS, The River Dogs on Parade kicked off Riverfest 2015 with dogs dressed up in creative costumes vying for the "best-of" awards; the poster auction offered over five dozen original works of art created

especially for the event; and lively music at the bandstand filled the air throughout the day; and

WHEREAS, Children and young-at-heart adults participated in the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's new carnival game, "BASS-ketball" and youngsters created original works of art including masks and mini posters; and

WHEREAS, Environmental and energy efficiency booths were also set up with information for fairgoers to help wade through the complexities of clean water, clean air and energy conservation; and

WHEREAS, The arts are an important reason why the Delaware Valley is increasingly recognized as a great place to live, work and conduct business; the arts generate jobs and wages, millions in annual direct spending, and millions more in terms of indirect spending by people drawn to attend cultural events in our community; and

WHEREAS, Current Executive Director Elaine Giguere and her staff have guided the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance to new heights; the Alliance plays a leading role in sustaining the economic benefits of the arts through its promotion of activities and events in its community; creating a vibrant, energized, environmentally aware and culturally rich society; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Annual Riverfest presented by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, celebrated on July 26, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elaine Giguere, Executive Director, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.