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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jam Factory upon the occasion of its induction into the Syracuse Area Music Awards Hall of Fame on March 3, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those talented individuals within our midst, who have had a significant impact on the arts and culture of our communities through their outstanding musical entertainment; such individuals include the members of the band, Jam Factory; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jam Factory upon the occasion of its induction into the Syracuse Area Music Awards (SAMMYS) Hall of Fame to be celebrated at a Ceremony on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Syracuse Area Music Awards were first established in 1993, to annually recognize and honor Syracuse's most prominent musicians and music educators, aiming to bring these individuals to the forefront of public attention; and

WHEREAS, Based in Syracuse, New York, Jam Factory is remembered for producing a gripping soulful rock sound, along with an exciting live stage show which wowed audiences; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, while a student at Syracuse University, Howie Wyeth brought together 25 of the best musicians the school had to offer, forming the Sidewinders; and

WHEREAS, In the next few years, after changes in membership, the group became known as Jam Factory; in 1969, the group included Kent DeFelice, Joe English, Earl Ford, Mark Hoffmann, and Steve Marcone, as well as Gene McCormick; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, Jam Factory recorded the album "Sitting In the Trap," and the single "Talk is Cheap"; after the release of its album, the group was signed by Columbia Records President Clive Davis; and
WHEREAS, For numerous years, Jam Factory has enjoyed great success in not only Central New York, but also across the country performing in several locations and venues including the War Memorial with Steppenwolf and the Rascals, the Fillmore West in San Francisco, and the Whiskey a Go-Go in Hollywood, as well as in Albuquerque, Aspen, Denver, and Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Jam Factory has also shared the stage with legendary musicians such as the Beach Boys, The Byrds, Billy Joel, Janis Joplin, Chuck Berry, Isaac Hayes, Jimi Hendrix, Steve Miller, Rare Earth, Ike and Tina Turner, and Joe Walsh; and

WHEREAS, With deep appreciation, this Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the spellbinding talents of Jam Factory, and to wish the members continuing success in all their future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jam Factory upon the occasion of its induction into the Syracuse Area Music Awards Hall of Fame on March 3, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jam Factory.