

## 2015-J4064

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing the natural beauty of the South Trek of The Hudson Trail, the southern portion of a long trail which links New York City to the Greater Adirondacks

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of this great Empire State is significantly enriched and consistently served by the purposeful endeavors of those who remain committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of appreciation for the distinctive features of our natural surroundings; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize the natural beauty of the South Trek of The Hudson Trail, the southern portion of a long trail which links New York City to the Greater Adirondacks; and

WHEREAS, The South Trek of The Hudson Trail is a hiking path which connects The Old Croton Aqueduct Trail in southern Yonkers to the Town of Fishkill, overlaying existing trails and making use of public roads; and

WHEREAS, The South Trek of The Hudson Trail uses portions of the Old Croton Aqueduct, the Colabaugh Corridor to Blue Mountain Park with side trails to Spitzenberg and Blue Mountain; it continues from Blue Mountain Reservation to Pleasantville, then north through roads to Fahnestock Park, up over Candlewood Hill; and

WHEREAS, The South Trek crosses on Sunken Mine Road north on Charcoal Burners trail, then west on a cross trail to Schoolhouse Mountain Road crossing Route 9 at McKeels Corners and continuing on local roads to the Old Carriage Road up and over Mount Taurus, and the South and North Beacon Mountains in the Town of Fishkill; and

WHEREAS, The Hudson Trail will consist of four grand sections called treks, each approximately 80 miles, including: The South Trek, Yonkers to the Town of Fishkill; The Stissing Trek, Beacon to Brainard; The Bend Trek, Crossing the Hudson; and The North Trek, which ends at the summit of Mount Marcy; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize and pay just tribute to South Trek of The Hudson Trail for its natural beauty and for providing the citizens of New York as well as visitors from other states with an attractive trail full of breathtaking views of mountains, rolling farmland and spectacular streams and woods to enjoy while walking, hiking, running or biking; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the natural beauty of the South Trek of The Hudson Trail, the southern portion of a long trail which links New York City to the Greater Adirondacks; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Friends of The Hudson Trail.