

## 2015-J5553

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Justin Sutherland upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Young Professionals Award by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young adults within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Justin Sutherland upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Young Professionals Award by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and

WHEREAS, Justin Sutherland of Somewhere in Time Farm in Parksville, New York, was selected for this esteemed honor in recognition of his hard work, ambition, and creativity, as well as for his profound impact in and around the community of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Growing up on land farmed by his grandfather and great-grandfather, Justin Sutherland was ingrained with a true love of the earth and growing things; and

WHEREAS, The son of Jon and Justine Sutherland, Justin Sutherland graduated from Liberty High School in 2006; he went on to attend Northeastern University in Boston where he majored in music; and

WHEREAS, A songwriter and composer, Justin Sutherland is known locally for performances at the North Branch Inn, Catskill Brewery in Livingston Manor, Eureka Cafe in Grahamsville, and Bethel Woods Harvest Festival; and

WHEREAS, Justin Sutherland began his illustrious career working in music therapy at the Center for Discovery in Harris, where he also began landscaping; during this time, he asked to volunteer at the on-site

organic farm, resulting in a three-year job as manager of the Center's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, which allows individuals to purchase a share of the produce grown; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Justin Sutherland began living out his dream of awakening his family farm, growing and selling vegetables as well as hand-cut zinnias, cosmos, snapdragons, amaranthus, sweet pea and sunflowers; he worked Farmers' Markets in Liberty and Rock Hill, and provided flowers for a Livingston Manor florist; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this year Justin Sutherland will build a seedling greenhouse with a second one planned for tomatoes, peppers and trellised cucumbers; he will also plant 40 different fresh, local and herbicide free vegetables; 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 honor Justin Sutherland upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Young Professionals Award by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Justin Sutherland.