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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sally Marsh for 45 years of distinguished service to Allegany State Park

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and honor the significant contributions of time and talents through community and public service by certain esteemed residents of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sally Marsh for 45 years of distinguished service to Allegany State Park; and

WHEREAS, Sally Marsh was born on July 7, 1954, to parents Fran and Alice Wright; she attended school in Salamanca and spent 30 years as a Physical Education teacher, before retiring in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Sally Marsh is the loving mother of Cole and Roy Booth; and

WHEREAS, Sally Marsh began her career with Allegany State Park while she was in high school, beginning as a lifeguard at the Fancher pool; and

WHEREAS, Sally Marsh began to play her guitar for the Hootenanny, an opportunity for park visitors to enjoy music around a campfire; the event has grown in popularity and has moved to the Quaker area Amphitheater to accommodate hundreds of participants; she has been holding Sally's Hootenanny at Allegany State Park since 1971, which is 45 consecutive years of songs at the park; and

WHEREAS, The weekly Hootenanny takes place every Thursday during the summer regardless of weather conditions; Sally Marsh and her participants have braved cold rain and impending thunderstorms to continue the event; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman brings her enthusiastic love of music

to the event; her interaction with the crowd of young children, teens, parents and retirees results in hours of singing, acting, dancing and clapping; and

WHEREAS, Sally Marsh thoroughly enjoys singing, traveling on antique and classic trains, and arts and crafts; and

WHEREAS, She has many life achievements, including being the first female in New York State to receive a varsity letter in a high school boys sport (bowling), first female lifeguard at Allegany State Park, and coaching both basketball and softball at Salamanca School; she was also the volleyball, basketball and bowling coach at Little Valley School; she was inducted into the Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame in April of 2016; and brought a Guinness World Record to Allegany State Park for "Old McDonald's Farm" in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sally Marsh is truly an ambassador of Allegany State Park; she represents the positive impact our State Parks have on individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor those citizens of this great Empire State who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sally Marsh for 45 years of distinguished service to Allegany State Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sally Marsh.