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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Goshen Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of hosting its 35th Annual Great America Weekend from July 2-3, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those organizations and events which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Goshen Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of hosting its 35th Annual Great America Weekend from July 2-3, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church, Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, For numerous years, the Goshen Chamber of Commerce has strived to serve as a voice of the business community, by providing economic and network development, as well as educational and marketing resources to local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1982, the Great American Weekend continues to be more than just an event, it is a tradition which defines Goshen as a Great American Community; and

WHEREAS, Originally begun to bolster attendance at the Historic Track after betting was eliminated, the Great American Weekend offers activities for every member of the family and has grown into one of the County's most prestigious events; and

WHEREAS, Recognized as the Hudson Valley's liveliest Fourth of July celebration, 20,000 people a day will stroll through the nine-acre village which surrounds the First Presbyterian Church, inspecting the offerings at 150 craft booths, grazing their way through a culinary snackopedia, and clapping approval for local entertainers; and

WHEREAS, The Great American Weekend has become a focal point of the

Summer Season in Goshen, and has drawn crowds from near and far; in addition to being a weekend filled with fun for all ages, this community event has sponsored many amazing programs which benefit the entire community in many ways; revenues generated by vendors have culminated in scholarships, grants and programs which serve the Greater Goshen area; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional organization and event, as well as its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident it will continue to enjoy the sparkling success it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Goshen Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of hosting its 35th Annual Great America Weekend from July 2-3, 2016; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Goshen Chamber of Commerce.