

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the members of Save The River upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition for their dedication and ceaseless efforts to preserve the St. Lawrence River

WHEREAS, 35 years ago, a group of concerned citizens came together to protect and preserve the ecological integrity of the St. Lawrence River through advocacy, education and research; and

WHEREAS, Since then, the members of Save The River have made it the leading grassroots advocacy group to protect one of the world's great rivers; and

WHEREAS, As Northern New York's major environmental watchdog, Save The River has advocated at the local, state, national and international levels to protect and preserve this international resource along the border between the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Save The River's membership have become international leaders in the campaign to stop the introduction of aquatic invasive species, improve water levels and improve spill response planning; and

WHEREAS, The group has helped restore endangered and threatened species like the common tern and bald eagle population through education and volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, Its members have helped monitor the water quality at area beaches, encouraged the marking of navigational hazards and shoals, and built a cadre of volunteers who keep an eye out for pollution, wildlife die offs, and other changes in the ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, Today, Save The River represents more than 1,400 individuals and families who live, work and play along the St. Lawrence River, including residents, business owners, summer people, vacationers, Americans, Canadians and others who love one of North America's great natural resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the members of Save The River upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition for their dedication and ceaseless efforts to preserve the St. Lawrence River; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of Save The River.