

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the New York State Tug Hill Commission to be celebrated May 30, 2013

WHEREAS, Organizations which serve the interest of the people of this Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the New York State Tug Hill Commission, to be celebrated at the Beeches in Rome, New York, on Thursday, May 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The need for the New York State Tug Hill Commission arose from local concerns that development of the region's remote, core forest would damage the region's environment, economy, and its way of life; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Tug Hill Commission first met in 1973; it is governed by nine local Commissioners from the Tug Hill towns chosen by the Governor, President Pro Tem of the Senate, and Speaker of the Assembly to represent the Region; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Tug Hill Commission has worked with the 62 towns and villages of the Tug Hill region in natural resource protection, land use planning, economic development, downtown revitalization and related fields; and

WHEREAS, Several other pieces of State legislation that recognize the Tug Hill region and its importance include the Tug Hill Reserve Act of 1992, and the Tug Hill Conservation Easement Act of 1998; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Commission works through five councils of governments that include most of the towns and villages in the region; each council employs a circuit rider cooperatively as a means of helping member communities work together, and draw on the services of Commission staff based out of Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Tug Hill Commission has served the interests of the people of the Empire State for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the New York State Tug Hill Commission has demonstrated the value of its services; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when commissions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the New York State Tug Hill Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Tug Hill Commission.