

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Baltimore Woods Nature Center of Marcellus, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and acknowledge those environmental education organizations within our midst that have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Baltimore Woods Nature Center of Marcellus, New York, to be celebrated with an Art Exhibit to be on display from January through February of 2016; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of its 50 years of service to the environment, the Baltimore Woods Nature Center is holding an art exhibit, entitled "John A Weeks: A Retrospective Exhibit," featuring works by John A. Weeks of Baldwinsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Baltimore Woods Nature Center, located on 180 acres of land off of Bishop Hill Road in Marcellus, New York, was originally formed as Onondaga Nature Centers on May 6, 1966, when a group of State University of New York (SUNY) College of Environmental Science and Forestry professors, along with some prominent community members, sought a way to connect the people of Central New York with its spectacular nature; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, members of the Board of Directors voted to adopt the name change to Baltimore Woods Nature Center, a name which reflects the legend that the first owner of the land sent his livestock to Baltimore for slaughtering; and

WHEREAS, The Baltimore Woods Nature Center became a key player in the growth of the Beaver Lake Nature Center of Baldwinsville and the Cayuga Nature Center in Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Baltimore Woods Nature Center employs 10 full-time staff members and is serviced by many additional volunteers, all of whom are dedicated to connecting people with nature; and

WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, the Baltimore Woods Nature Center has served as one of the area's premier locations for educational and recreational programs for the community; for 13 years, the exemplary Nature in the City Program has connected students of the Syracuse City and Auburn City School Districts with hands-on lessons of natural science; and

WHEREAS, The Baltimore Woods Nature Center also provides six miles of trails for the public to use throughout the year; members of the community can hike, snow shoe, and enjoy the picturesque views of woodlands, fields and streams; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Executive Director Mary Kate Intaglietta, the Baltimore Woods Nature Center can look back with pride on its rich history of providing excellent service to the community, and it can look forward to carrying on its mission for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of organizations such as the Baltimore Woods Nature Center which works tirelessly on behalf of protecting our natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations of New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Baltimore Woods Nature Center of Marcellus, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Kate Intaglietta, Executive Director, the Baltimore

Woods Nature Center.