

**BY:** Senator HELMING

**HONORING** Jamie Hughes upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Rising Star Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce on January 27, 2017

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and 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 Jamie Hughes upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Rising Star Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Friday, January 27, 2017, at Ventosa Vineyards, Geneva, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rising Star Award is given to a young professional (40 or under) who has made outstanding contributions to their profession or life's work and/or devoted their time and effort in the greater Seneca County community to improve the quality of life for others; and

**WHEREAS,** Jamie Hughes is a resident of Seneca Falls, New York; she graduated from Mynderse Academy in 2003, and went on to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Visual Communications and Photography from Monroe Community College; and

**WHEREAS,** With a passion for animals, Jamie Hughes is the proud owner of Phobes K9 Resort, a local pet establishment providing boarding, training, daycare and grooming; in addition, she runs Fetch a Friend, a non-profit dog rescue organization which has already adopted out more than 100 dogs since its inception; and

**WHEREAS,** Jamie Hughes, the daughter of Stephen and Adele Hughes, has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

**WHEREAS,** A true asset to her community, Jamie Hughes has given tirelessly of her time and energies to such organizations as Second Chance Dog Rescue and the Beverly Animal Shelter and is a volunteer for the annual It's a Wonderful Run 5k; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Jamie Hughes has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent

of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Jamie Hughes, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and their respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jamie Hughes upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Rising Star Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce on January 27, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jamie Hughes.