

BY: Senator HELMING

HONORING Finger Lakes Technologies Group upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2016 Business of the Year Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce on January 27, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing economic well-being of 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 honor Finger Lakes Technologies Group upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2016 Business of the Year 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, Established in 1995, Finger Lakes Technologies Group (FLTG) is a five generation family owned telecommunications company with locations in Victor, Binghamton, Buffalo, Phelps and Romulus, New York; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to its community, Finger Lakes Technologies Group is partnering with the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) to launch its 'Look Up for Breast Cancer' campaign; FLTG will be changing their fiber tags to bright pink with the Breast Cancer logo in the Monroe County Area and donating money to BCCR for each tag that is replaced; and

WHEREAS, In addition, under the able leadership of its President and CEO Paul H. Griswold, FLTG gives tirelessly of its time and energies to such organizations as United Way, United Way Day of Caring, Ontario ARC, YMCA, and Lifetime Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Finger Lakes Technologies Group has received numerous awards including the 2016 **Democrat & Chronicle** Top Places to Work, and the 2016 New York State Best Companies to Work For; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, Finger Lakes Technologies Group has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Finger Lakes Technologies Group is in direct correlation to the efforts of its hardworking and dedicated staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the business and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local and state economies, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Finger Lakes Technologies Group upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2016 Business of the Year 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 Paul H. Griswold, President and CEO, Finger Lakes Technologies Group.