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COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Fulton
Chain of Lakes Association on August 11, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals and organizations within the great State of New York that are dedicated to the vital work of environmental protection; 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 Fulton Chain of Lakes Association on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at the Clearwater Dock on Old Forge Pond; and

WHEREAS, Founded on September 15, 1968, the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association (FCLA) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization made up of approximately 300 family members with the purpose of protecting its most precious resource, the water and watershed of the Fulton Chain of Lakes; and

WHEREAS, The Fulton Chain of Lakes is part of a river system originally dammed at Old Forge; water flows through the Fulton Chain starting at Eighth Lake and finally enters the Middle Branch of the Moose River at the Old Forge Dam; and

WHEREAS, The North Branch of the Moose River joins the Middle Branch below the dam; the river then flows past the Town of Lyons Falls to the Black River, northwest to Carthage then on to Watertown, and finally into the Black River Bay on Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, The Lower Fulton Chain starts at Old Forge Pond, travels the one mile channel or "Narrows" to First Lake, then to Second and Third, through a channel to Fourth Lake then past Eagle Bay and on to Inlet - a total distance of about 10 miles; and

WHEREAS, The Chain continues through to Fifth Lake, from there one must portage their boat to Sixth and Seventh Lakes, which are navigable from one to the other; Eighth Lake is accessible once again by portage only; and

WHEREAS, The present dam at Old Forge holds back 6.8 billion gallons of water, and is managed by the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District; in addition to several private marinas, there are New York State boat launches on Fourth, Seventh and Eighth Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association preserves and protects the Fulton Chain of Lakes in New York's Central Adirondacks, keeping them clean and safe; and

WHEREAS, The Fulton Chain of Lakes Association has been and continues to be instrumental in water safety issues on the lake,

including watercraft speed limits and noise levels; the FCLA prints and distributes a navigation map and water safety brochure for the benefit of all residents and visitors in the area; and

WHEREAS, This vital Association has also assisted the local Sheriff departments in purchasing decibel level meters, GPS, and radar for their patrol boats, and steadfastly supports local students who study and participate in environmental pursuits; and

WHEREAS, The Fulton Chain of Lakes Association has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including a Congressional nomination for the President's Volunteer Action Award, a Commendation from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Adirondack Centennial Stewardship Award from the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Association partners with other lake associates and is now a leading member of the Adirondack Lake Alliance which works as a resource to strengthen and assist other Adirondack lake and river associations; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated members and volunteer Board of Directors, 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 organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of organizations such as the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association which work 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 Fulton Chain of Lakes Association on August 11, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association, Old Forge, New York.