

**BY:** Senator STEC

**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Anniversary of ADK  
Mountain Club

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of organizations and individuals who are committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings, and to the economic well-being of the areas in which they exist; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of ADK Mountain Club, to be recognized with a myriad of events throughout the year, including a Centennial Celebration, Fall Outing and the ADK Memorial Pathway; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded on April 17, 1922 and based out of the Adirondack Park in New York State, Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) is a leader in outdoor education, offering dozens of programs each year ranging from map and compass basics to rock-climbing skills and school-based programs; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, ADK staffs and manages the Adirondack High Peaks Summit Stewardship Program, which plays an integral role in protecting fragile alpine plants and their ecosystems on the state's highest peaks, such as Marcy, Colden, and Algonquin; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its inception, the organization has worked to increase access to the backcountry by building trails, conserving natural areas, and developing a stewardship community which supports the ethical and safe use of New York's outdoor spaces; and

**WHEREAS,** A member, donor, and volunteer-supported organization, ADK reaches across New York State through its 27 chapters to inspire people to enjoy the outdoors ethically; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State's leader in modern, sustainable trail design, ADK's professional and volunteer trail crews have the tools to create a more sustainable future for all to explore the outdoors; additionally, its definitive guidebooks and maps, written and designed by accomplished outdoorsmen, help visitors find their way along just about any trail in the Adirondacks and Catskills; and

**WHEREAS,** From collaborating with state and local groups to alleviate the impact of high use on the most popular trails, to combatting invasive pests such as hemlock wooly adelgid, ADK's advocacy team works tirelessly to conserve wild lands and waters and promote its mission; and

**WHEREAS,** For a century, ADK has played a pivotal role in protecting the Adirondack Park through education while building a statewide community of stewards, advocates, and recreators; landmark achievements for this vital organization include building the 138-mile Northville-Placid Trail in 1924, publishing the first guidebook for the Adirondacks in 1934, consistently defending constitutional protections for the Forest Preserve between the 1940s and 1960s, founding the Ridge Runner Program in 1974, co-founding the Adirondack High Peaks Summit Stewardship Program in 1989, developing a successful school outreach program in 2003, and more; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, with more than 30,000 members, 50 full-time staff, and thousands of donors and volunteers, ADK has truly cemented itself as a crucial voice for New York's public land and waters; and

**WHEREAS,** Remaining true to its mission, ADK works to protect New York State wild lands and waters by promoting responsible outdoor recreation and building a statewide constituency of land stewardship advocates; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of ADK is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteer Board of Directors 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 organization and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of organizations such as ADK 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 100th Anniversary of ADK Mountain Club; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ADK Mountain Club.