

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2022 Economic Development Partner of the Year Award by the North Country Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2022 Economic Development Partner of the Year Award by the North Country Chamber of Commerce, which was celebrated at its 110th Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, March 4, 2022, at the West Side Ballroom in Plattsburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 2021, the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRP), which represents five counties, Essex, Clinton, Hamilton, Warren and Washington, helped 209 businesses obtain over \$3 million in loans, as well as using \$5.1 million in grant funding to help communities throughout the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, LCLGRP was awarded a \$2,940,000 Revolving Loan Fund CARES Act grant from the Economic Development Administration to assist small businesses which were negatively affected by the pandemic or are looking for a way to increase their business resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Looking ahead to the future, LCLGRP has plans to remain true to its mission of assisting its community in their economic development and growth in the way they want it to be done by expanding broadband in the area and reinvesting in community main streets; and

WHEREAS, The remarkable success of the LCLGRP is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Executive Director Beth Gilles, Board of Directors, and 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 institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2022 Economic Development Partner of the Year Award by the North Country Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Beth Gilles, Executive Director, the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board.