

Assembly Resolution No. 1068

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recognizing Beth Gilles for her unwavering dedication and boundless service to the members of her community in her role as Director of the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize Beth Gilles for her unwavering dedication and boundless service to the members of her community in her role as Director of the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRP); and

WHEREAS, Beth Gilles, a native of Glens Falls, New York, and graduate of Paul Smith's College and the University of Vermont, began her work with the LCLGRP in 2008, and was promoted to Director in 2018; in her Director position, she built a robust water quality program, branching out into new programs and funding streams for planning and implementation efforts within the Lake Champlain and Upper Hudson River Watersheds; and

WHEREAS, As Director, Beth Gilles oversees the operations of the Regional Planning Board and its staff and works with the Board of Directors to craft the direction of the RPB's programming; she works to secure federal funding for both planning and implementation projects throughout the region, as well as for the Regional Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Beth Gilles, the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board is this year's recipient of the North Country Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Partner of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 2021, the 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 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Beth Gilles and the Regional Planning Board utilize local economic development partners like the Chamber of Commerce and other members of the community to prioritize the creation of new projects and programs, always working to better their community; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her beloved husband, two cherished kids; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with the LCLGRP, Beth Gilles earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of her colleagues and fellow community

members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Beth Gilles for her unwavering dedication and boundless service to the members of her community in her role as Director of the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Beth Gilles.