

BY: Senator MAY

COMMEMORATING the Finger Lakes' community's
celebration of Lake Friendly Living, May 2024

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 which 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 Finger Lakes' community's celebration of Lake Friendly Living, May 2024; and

WHEREAS, Many of the New York State Finger Lakes provide clean, safe drinking water for residents throughout Central New York, and many of these waterbodies are designated as Class AA(T) protected waterbodies; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, all of the New York State Finger Lakes have experienced widespread harmful algae blooms due, in part, to nutrients which promote the growth of algae and Cyanobacteria; and

WHEREAS, Harmful algae blooms throughout the Finger Lakes threaten regional water quality and the health and safety of water consumers; and

WHEREAS, New York State Finger Lakes' watershed organizations are looking to advance pollutant reduction strategies through land and water conservation recommendations for residents, operations, and businesses within their respective watersheds; and

WHEREAS, The Lake Friendly Living Coalition of the Finger Lakes offers conservation recommendations for watershed residents through pledge programming and spearheads annual public events during Lake Friendly Awareness Month intended to further educate the public about a variety of conservation initiatives being advanced throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of organizations such as the Lake Friendly Living Coalition of the Finger Lakes 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 Finger Lakes' community's celebration of Lake Friendly Living, May 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Lake Friendly Living Coalition of the Finger Lakes.