

BY: Senator HELMING

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of Save Our Sodus, Inc. on July 27, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated effort 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Save Our Sodus on July 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1999, Save Our Sodus was founded with the mission to preserve and improve water quality, protect our shorelines, and promote a sustainable community around Sodus Bay; and

WHEREAS, Comprised of local residents, vacationers, property owners, businesses, farmers, boaters, fishermen, sports people, and many others, the over 600 stakeholders recognize and understand the importance of preserving the bay's natural beauty, usability, for the flourishing of our community; and

WHEREAS, Save Our Sodus, Inc. still holds the same passion to preserve, protect, and promote Sodus Bay as its original founders twenty-five years ago; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Save Our Sodus has initiated many projects to preserve the water quality of the bay, including: wetland preservations, the NAB-A-HAB program to report harmful algae blooms, weed harvesting to help keep the water clear, as well as collaborating with New York State Federation of Lake Associations and the Department of Environmental Conservation to routinely test the quality of the water; and

WHEREAS, Whether it be a letter-writing campaign to their federal representatives to help repair a break wall or opening lines of communication with the International Joint Commission who over sees the water levels of Lake Ontario to ensure that the residents of Sodus Bay and its neighbors will not be subject to flooding, Save Our Sodus has been instrumental in advocating for projects that will protect and enhance shoreline resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the pivotal connection between environmental health, and environmental vitality and community participation, Save Our Sodus participates and orchestrates events around the community, including Movie Night in the Park, an Artisan Fair, and a Professional Cornhole Tournament to promote the Village of Sodus Point and the needs of Sodus Bay; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 25-year history, Save Our Sodus, Inc. has demonstrated continuous service to the residents of Sodus Point, its surrounding communities and Sodus Bay; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberation to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Save Our Sodus, Inc. on July 27, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed be transmitted to Save Our Sodus, Inc.