Assembly Resolution No. 939

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COMMENDING New York Maple Producers during the Annual Maple Weekends on March 16-17, 2024, and March 23-24, 2024

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges noteworthy events in America's history which deserve special recognition; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry is part of the foundation upon which our distinct American heritage is built; and

WHEREAS, New York State takes just pride in each and every product it produces or grows; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend New York Maple Producers during the Annual Maple Weekends on March 16-17, 2024, and March 23-24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Maple has been recognized as one of the foundations for New York State's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to the largest resource of tappable maple trees within the United States, and over 2,000 maple sugar makers; and

WHEREAS, Abundant and sustainable, New York's gourmet maple industry is vibrant and growing on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, New York's unique climate and forestry makes it naturally perfect for maple syrup production; and

WHEREAS, As the second state in the country for maple syrup production, New York produces over 800,000 gallons of syrup from over 2.7 million taps; and

WHEREAS, It takes 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of maple syrup; in addition, maple makes many products sold throughout the state and nation including maple coffee, maple cream, maple fluff and maple candy; and

WHEREAS, New York maple providers are distributed across New York State and have expanded over the last five years; maple operations reach over 500,000 visitors throughout New York; and

WHEREAS, The prime maple season runs from February to March every year; and

WHEREAS, On Maple Weekends being held March 16-17, 2024, and March 23-24, 2024, maple producers from across New York State will welcome families to their farms to experience first hand how real, mouth

watering syrup and related products are made; and

WHEREAS, Visitors will also have the opportunity to enjoy fun, family-friendly activities, taste New York's freshest syrup and purchase maple products; and

WHEREAS, Through their diligence and expertise in maple, the producers have brought pride and recognition to themselves, their local community, and to our great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend New York Maple Producers during the Annual Maple Weekends on March 16-17, 2024, and March 23-24, 2024; and

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York Maple Producers.