

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 35th Anniversary of Fox Run Vineyards, a distinguished family-owned winery in the Finger Lakes Region

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate the milestones of businesses and institutions that significantly contribute to the economic vitality, cultural richness, and agricultural heritage of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Fox Run Vineyards, located in the Town of Benton on the western shore of Seneca Lake, as it celebrates more than three decades of excellence in winemaking and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1990, Fox Run Vineyards has grown into a premier destination within the Finger Lakes wine region, widely known for its award-winning wines, sustainable vineyard practices, and commitment to delivering a world-class visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, The vineyard's origins trace back to 1984 when the first Chardonnay vines were planted by Vineyard Manager John Kaiser and his father; today, those very vines are among the few designated "Old Vines" in the region and are the foundation of Fox Run's acclaimed Chardonnay Reserve Kaiser Vineyard; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 35 years, Fox Run Vineyards has expanded to nearly 50 acres under vine, producing a diverse range of cool-climate wines from seven distinct varietals, all while maintaining a focus on quality, innovation, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its viticultural achievements, Fox Run has invested in a state-of-the-art winemaking facility and developed a celebrated cafe and tasting room, further enhancing its reputation as both a producer of exceptional wine and a destination for agri-tourism; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Fox Run Vineyards has earned widespread acclaim, including numerous awards, high ratings, and recognition from esteemed wine critics, as well as support and collaboration from regional institutions such as the New York Wine & Grape Foundation, Finger Lakes Wine Alliance, and the Seneca Lake Wine Trail; and

WHEREAS, Scott and Ruth Osborn, co-owners of Fox Run Vineyards, have reflected with heartfelt appreciation on the journey of the past 35 years, attributing the winery's success to the dedication of its staff, the loyalty of its patrons, the support of regional partners, and a shared passion for the excellence of New York State wine; and

WHEREAS, Fox Run Vineyards stands as a shining example of the innovation, collaboration, and perseverance that define New York's wine industry and agricultural economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Fox Run Vineyards, applauding its enduring contributions to the State of New York and wishing it continued success in the years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fox Run Vineyards.