

**BY:** Senator STEC

**HONORING** Beth Hill upon the occasion of her designation as Economic Development Partner of the Year by the North Country Chamber of Commerce

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing the economic well-being of the entire Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Beth Hill upon the occasion of her designation as Economic Development Partner of the Year by the North Country Chamber of Commerce, celebrated at its 114th Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, January 30, 2026, at the Warren Ballroom at SUNY Plattsburgh; and

**WHEREAS,** Beth Hill holds a Master of Arts degree in History from American University; and

**WHEREAS,** Since 2010, Beth Hill has served as the president and CEO of Fort Ticonderoga, the site of the American force's first offensive victory in the Revolutionary War in 1775; the fort now serves as a museum, a national landmark historic site, and a cultural and tourist destination on the shores of Lake Champlain in Essex County, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** A museum professional for more than 25 years, Beth Hill's work at Fort Ticonderoga follows her career with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Historic Sites Division; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the steady and able leadership of Beth Hill, Fort Ticonderoga has undergone a prosperous organizational turnaround, entering now into a period of strategic growth and reinvestment; and

**WHEREAS,** A true visionary and expert in her field, Beth Hill, equipped with a passionate and dedicated staff, has transformed the Fort Ticonderoga on-site visitor experience into a multi-day experience, further strengthening her local economy and the profound history of our great State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Under Beth Hill's leadership, Fort Ticonderoga is executing a multi-million-dollar multi-year capital improvement plan that is expanding visitor experiences, strengthening educational programming and enhancing the site's national visibility; the visitor experience now utilizes all 2,000 acres of the property, bringing guests out onto Lake Champlain on boats and to the heights of Mount Defiance; and

**WHEREAS,** Beth Hill has worked diligently to secure federal grants, including awards from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities, supporting major exhibitions,

collections accessibility, and expanded public engagement, undoubtedly ensuring the success and longevity of such an impactful historic site for centuries to come; and

**WHEREAS,** Businesses and their impactful leaders that give of their time and energies to serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional leader and her contributions to her local and State economies and their storied histories, fully confident that she will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes she has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Beth Hill upon the occasion of her designation as Economic Development Partner of the Year by the North Country Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

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