Assembly Resolution No. 1174

**BY:** M. of A. Barclay

**RECOGNIZING** the Town of Granby upon the occasion of its designation as a New York Association of Towns Town of Excellence, and commending Supervisor John Snow for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the community

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend municipalities and public servants whose dedication, innovation, and commitment to excellence enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize the Town of Granby, located in Oswego County, upon the occasion of its designation as a Town of Excellence by the New York Association of Towns; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2026, the New York Association of Towns established the Towns of Excellence Program, a new initiative designed to honor municipalities that exemplify outstanding leadership, innovation, and community commitment across New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** This distinguished program recognizes towns and leaders who go above and beyond in key areas essential to strong and thriving local government, including economic development, sustainability and sound planning, community engagement, quality of life, governance and transparency, and workforce development; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Granby, a vibrant community of approximately 6,500 residents, has been selected for this honor in recognition of its exemplary achievements in Community Engagement and Celebration, Sustainable Growth and Recreation, and Transparency and Professional Leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** Demonstrating a strong commitment to community engagement, the Town of Granby hosts the widely celebrated Balloons Under the Moon festival, which draws visitors from across the region, and has established "Deliberate Discussions" as a dedicated agenda item at Town Board meetings, providing residents with a meaningful opportunity to share concerns and ideas directly with local leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** With a forward-looking approach to sustainable growth, the Town of Granby has undertaken responsible planning initiatives, including updated zoning and infrastructure strategies that incorporate low-impact design elements such as permeable surfaces, native plantings, and tree canopy preservation, while investing in a major park improvement project featuring upgraded playgrounds, new walking trails, and enhanced accessibility; and

**WHEREAS,** Further exemplifying its commitment to transparency and

professional governance, the Town operates a public Transparency Portal, ensuring easy access to government documents, budgets, and financial reports, and its officials actively contribute to professional organizations, including service on governing boards such as the New York Government Finance Officers' Association, the County Clerks' Association, and the New York State Assessors' Association; and

**WHEREAS,** Such achievements are a direct reflection of the dedicated leadership of Town Supervisor John Snow, whose commitment to public service has been instrumental in guiding the Town of Granby to this distinguished recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently serving his fourth term as Town Supervisor, John Snow has devoted many years to municipal leadership, including eight years as Deputy Supervisor prior to his election in 2018, and ongoing service as the Town's Budget Officer since 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** A respected leader in the field of public finance, John Snow is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada and an active member of the New York Government Finance Officers' Association, where he serves on the governing board and contributes to the Legal and Legislative Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2018, John Snow became only the second Town Supervisor in New York State to earn the designation of Certified Town Official from the New York Association of Towns, and he has further distinguished himself through advanced training, including completion of the New York Government Finance Officers' Association Government Finance Institute (Advanced Level) in April 2022, as well as earning professional certificates in asset management planning and infrastructure financial management; and

**WHEREAS,** Awards of this caliber are the result of steadfast dedication, vision, and exemplary leadership, and John Snow stands as a model public servant whose efforts have greatly benefited the Town of Granby and its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** It is fitting and proper to recognize the Town of Granby and Supervisor John Snow for their collective achievements and their unwavering commitment to excellence in local government; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the Town of Granby upon the occasion of its designation as a New York Association of Towns Town of Excellence, and to commend Supervisor John Snow for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Granby and Supervisor John Snow.