Assembly Resolution No. 1593

BY: M. of A. Simpson

COMMENDING the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary on June 11, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those exceptional organizations within the State of New York that have dedicated themselves to fostering economic growth, community revitalization, and entrepreneurial success; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) upon the auspicious occasion of its 50th Anniversary, to be celebrated on June 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1976, the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation has served as a vital cornerstone for economic development across the North Country and Northern New York, empowering small local businesses, creating thriving economies, and preserving the unique character of the communities within the Adirondack region; and

WHEREAS, For five decades, AEDC has provided critical financial lending, comprehensive business training, and strategic technical assistance, bridging capital gaps for small businesses and disadvantaged entrepreneurs who otherwise lack access to traditional financing; and

WHEREAS, AEDC has helped leverage millions of dollars in public and private investment for small business development, downtown revitalization, adaptive reuse projects, and entrepreneurial growth throughout northern New York including transformative projects connected to the revitalization of downtown Saranac Lake and many other communities; and

WHEREAS, Through partnerships with regional organizations, Empire State Development, local governments, and community lenders, AEDC has expanded access to flexible capital for rural entrepreneurs while helping strengthen Main Streets, retain local businesses, and support long-term economic resilience across Northern New York; and

WHEREAS, Under the visionary leadership of Executive Director Victoria Duley, AEDC continues to expand its impactful reach, driving regional collaboration, strengthening local supply chains, and fostering a resilient economic ecosystem that sustains both employment and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, The unwavering commitment of AEDC's staff, board of directors, and regional partners has resulted in the creation and retention of thousands of jobs, fueling sustainable prosperity throughout Northern New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation upon the occasion of celebrating 50 years of dedicated service to the North Country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Victoria Duley, Executive Director of the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation.