

## 2013-J2615

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Warwick Applefest on Sunday, October 6, 2013

WHEREAS, New York State is the second largest grower of apples in the United States and grows more varieties of apples than any other State in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Important events are held each year to highlight the significance of the apple industry to our State's economy; one such event is the Warwick Applefest to be held Sunday, October 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Applefest began in 1989, as a simple harvest celebration to support the Warwick Valley Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Named one of the "Top 100 Events" in the country and voted the "Best Food and Best Family & Arts Festival" for the past three years by readers of the TIMES HERALD-RECORD newspaper, over 30,000 visitors now attend the one-day event, traveling from neighboring states to experience the extraordinary variety of Warwick's apples, culture, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, This pleasurable festival is produced by the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Warwick Valley Community Center; it features over 200 craft vendors; dozens of food vendors; 50 local non-profit exhibitors; music and entertainment; a children's carnival; a farmers' market; and an Apple Pie Baking Contest; and

WHEREAS, The Warwick Applefest, through its long and sustained commitment, has successfully combined the apple industry, rural tradition, and recreation; it greatly enhances community pride and fosters the treasured values of family unity and wholesome entertainment, producing a significant benefit for the citizens of Warwick, New York, and surrounding areas, and the thousands of visitors who travel there to share the competition, beauty and hospitality of the Applefest; now, therefore, be

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RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Warwick Applefest on Sunday, October 6, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Warwick Applefest 2013 Committee.