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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Owasco Watershed Lake Association upon the occasion of its 25th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations in our community that add to the quality of life for all our residents and to recognize the contributions such organizations make to our society; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor the Owasco Watershed Lake Association upon the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and to recognize the important role it plays in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Owasco Watershed Lake Association is a not-for-profit, citizen-based corporation devoted to protecting and improving Owasco Lake as a valuable water resource; and

WHEREAS, Owasco Lake is the sixth largest and third easternmost of the Finger Lakes of New York in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Owasco Lake provides the residents of Cayuga County and its surrounding communities with drinking water, recreation, and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Protecting Owasco Lake is essential to the maintenance of the Upstate New York community and to the improvement of its economic future; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of this, the Owasco Watershed Lake Association draws community attention to the value and importance of Owasco Lake; and

WHEREAS, Founded to educate the public on environmental management, preservation, wise use, and appreciation of Owasco Lake and its watershed, the Owasco Watershed Lake Association promotes cooperation

and leadership in the comprehensive management of land use, water quality, recreation, agriculture and a host of other issues pertaining to Owasco Lake; and

WHEREAS, The Owasco Watershed Lake Association focuses on improving the water quality of the Owasco Lake watershed and encourages residents and lake users to become involved in protecting Owasco Lake; and

WHEREAS, Membership in the Owasco Watershed Lake Association is open to all community members interested in the quality of Owasco Lake; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Owasco Watershed Lake Association monitor the waters of Owasco Lake and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, The Owasco Watershed Lake Association acts as an informational and environmental action center for matters concerning Owasco Lake and its watershed, in conjunction with individuals, other organizations, and all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of the Owasco Watershed Lake Association has supported the wise use of land and water, and controlled levels of pollution; and

WHEREAS, To control pollution, the Owasco Watershed Lake Association responds to citizen complaints of water pollution and works to see these problems resolved; and

WHEREAS, By identifying environmentally critical areas of the watershed, the Owasco Watershed Lake Association is able to adequately protect these areas; and

WHEREAS, The Owasco Watershed Lake Association unifies, improves, and implements planning policies that measurably improve water quality in Owasco Lake and its tributary streams; and

WHEREAS, In cooperation with the local farming community, the Owasco Watershed Lake Association has significantly accelerated measurable

reduction in nutrient loading, helped set goals, monitored successes, and facilitated better communication with local farmers; and

WHEREAS, The Owasco Watershed Lake Association encourages the wise

management of fish and game, good forestry practices, safe operation of boats, proper maintenance of navigation aids and of the lake's water levels, and observance of laws and regulations by individuals; and

WHEREAS, A major goal of the Owasco Watershed Lake Association is to foster and promote public interest and understanding of environmental issues impacting Owasco Lake and its watershed; and

WHEREAS, To further this goal, the Owasco Watershed Lake Association annually sponsors "Owasco Lake Day," providing a resource fair, family activities, and speakers at Emerson Park, located on the Northern end of Owasco Lake to the community; and

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 25th year the Owasco Watershed Lake Association has effectively and continuously furthered the environmental management and preservation of Owasco Lake and its watershed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Owasco Watershed Lake Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charlie Greene, President of the Board of Directors, Owasco Watershed Lake Association, Inc.