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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The North Country Arts Council upon the occasion of its dedication to developing and promoting the arts in Northern New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to musical organizations whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The North Country Arts Council upon the occasion of its dedication to developing and promoting the arts in Northern New York; and

WHEREAS, Formerly known as The North Country Artists Guild when it was established in 1949, this illustrious council began as a not-for-profit arts organization whose mission was providing promotional opportunities to fine artists; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, the guild expanded its mission and changed its name to The North Country Arts Council to reflect its hope of encompassing all arts; and

WHEREAS, The North Country Arts Council offers a multitude of valuable resources for both emerging and established artists including programming, classes, events, and other cultural opportunities through education, presentation, and community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, In addition, The North Country Arts Council operates Arts on the Square, which is a community arts space for all residents of the

North Country, and represents an investment in the revitalization of Downtown Watertown; and

WHEREAS, The North Country Arts Council continues to be a clearing house of opportunities for artists as well as an essential part of the community by offering opportunities for the people of the North Country to immerse themselves in art and culture; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the importance of the performing arts, which act to inspire, enlighten, and unify people from all cultural backgrounds through the transcendent power of human expression; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The North Country Arts Council upon the occasion of its dedication to developing and promoting the arts in Northern New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The North Country Arts Council.