

## 2013-J4921

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh upon the occasion of her selection as a Young Professional Up and Comer in the Business Community by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young adults within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh upon the occasion of her selection as a Young Professional Up and Comer in the Business Community by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh, Agriculture and Natural Resource Issue Leader at Cornell Cooperative Extension and Agriculture Planner for Sullivan County, was selected for this esteemed recognition for being hardworking, ambitious, and creative; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Monticello High School, SUNY Sullivan, SUNY Purchase, and Vermont Law, where she received her master's degree in environmental law and policy, Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh gives back to her community in both her professional and volunteer life; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh's career is a shared position, serving as the Agriculture and Natural Resource Issue Leader at Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Agriculture Planner for Sullivan County; her primary projects center on agriculture, and environmental and economic development; and

WHEREAS, At Cornell Cooperative Extension, Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh works closely on the greenhouse and high tunnel project, which is a kickoff to year-round vegetable production classes for farmers and non-farmers alike, and leads the educators who offer livestock and master gardening; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure for Sullivan County, Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh works on the Farmland Protection Plan, aimed at economic development and protection of the county's farms; and

WHEREAS, With volunteerism as her starting board, Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh looked to enhancing her Rock Hill community; as President of the Rock Hill Business Association, she worked with Sullivan Renaissance, and the Rock Hill Volunteer Fire Department to create the area that is home to Rock Hill's Farmers Market, which gave access to local foods, allowed local farmers to market their goods, and started this determined woman on her path of agriculture enhancement and development; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband and project partner, Josh, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh upon the occasion of her selection as a Young Professional Up and Comer in the Business Community by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melinda Ketcham Meddaugh.