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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Winnakee Land Trust

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of New York, recognizing the role all citizens have in protecting the environment and the quality of life in this Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Winnakee Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1989 and accredited in 2011 by the National Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Winnakee has permanently protected thousands of acres of farmland and natural habitats in northern Dutchess County, and offers many parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, The Winnakee Land Trust features an active board of volunteers including those focused on finance, planning, and biology and is run by Executive Director Lucy Hayden; and

WHEREAS, At the heart of the Winnakee's mission is a deep regard for the history and natural beauty of northern Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, The Winnakee Land Trust not only protects farmland and natural habitats from development, but provides public recreational opportunities through its two parks -- Burger Hill in Rhinebeck and Winnakee Nature Preserve in Hyde Park; and

WHEREAS, The Winnakee Land Trust hosts several educational and volunteer opportunities throughout the year, focusing on bringing communities that share the beautiful Hudson Valley landscapes together; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the diligent efforts of the Winnakee Land Trust, northern Dutchess County remains a region abounding with the

varied and beautiful landscapes that give it its distinctive sense of place, remaining an attractive place in which to live, work, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of organizations such as the Winnakee Land Trust that work tirelessly on behalf of protecting our natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations of New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Winnakee Land Trust; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Winnakee Land Trust.