

## 2015-J289

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the New York State Barge Canal Historic District upon the occasion of its being placed on the National Register of Historic Places on October 15, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the preservation of historical landmarks which served to enhance the growth of the State of New York, ensuring that the complete history of our State and Nation is shared with present and future generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the New York State Barge Canal Historic District upon the occasion of its being placed on the National Register of Historic Places; this auspicious occasion was celebrated on Wednesday, October 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of our country's most historic places worthy of preservation; administered by the National Park Service, its purpose is to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archaeological resources; and

WHEREAS, Built between 1905 and 1918, the New York State Barge Canal is a direct descendent of the Erie Canal, and is part of a network of connecting waterways which have been in continuous operation since 1825; and

WHEREAS, Remarkable in its scale and historical integrity, the New York State Barge Canal National District spans 450 miles and includes the four branches of the state's canal system: the Erie, Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga/Seneca Canals; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Barge Canal has played a pivotal role in the growth and development of this great Empire State, as well as the Nation; a testament to the American spirit of engineering and commerce,

today, the canal system continues to allow vessels to pass from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished past, the New York State Barge Canal Historic District may take just pride in its unique historical contributions, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the

educational and cultural needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the New York State Barge Canal upon the occasion of its being placed on the National Register of Historic Places; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Barge Canal Historic District.