

## 2015-J1891

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nicole Slevin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Young Professionals Award 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nicole Slevin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Young Professionals Award by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Slevin, Public Affairs Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), was selected for this esteemed recognition for being hardworking, ambitious, and creative; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Youngsville, New York, Nicole Slevin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Cultural Anthropology, and spent a semester in Cape Town, South Africa, where she studied archaeology; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, after a year working for an upstate insurance firm, Nicole Slevin returned home to Sullivan County, and accepted a position as the Memberships and 4-H Development Assistant at CCE where she acquired a deep understanding and mastery of CCE's interconnected systems; as an assistant, she learned every facet of this worthy organization; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Slevin's colleagues took notice of her ambitious, can-do spirit, and within three years, she was promoted to a full program educator in the Family and Consumer Science division, in addition to duties in marketing, technology support, and public relations; and

WHEREAS, Rising through the ranks, Nicole Slevin was promoted to Director of Communications, and with the addition of leadership responsibilities in fundraising, social media, and interoffice technology, she became Public Affairs Coordinator in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Today, Nicole Slevin serves as the Public Affairs Coordinator at CCE's Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center in Liberty, New York; her primary duties and responsibilities include marketing, social media outreach, website administration, fundraising, event planning, technology support, graphic design, writing, and photography; and

WHEREAS, CCE's role has evolved over its century of existence locally, but it remains a learning and gathering destination for no less than 1,000 square miles; for the past six years, Nicole Slevin has worked in the heart of this effort, the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center in Liberty, New York; an integral part of the team, she has seen CCE through its leanest years, and relishes being a part of a non-profit community resource; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community as well as her profession, Nicole Slevin is a member of both the Sullivan Renaissance's Steering and Bilingual Advisory Committees, the Upper Delaware BioBlitz Steering Committee, and the Delaware Highlands Conservancy Board; she also chairs both the Delaware Highland Conservancy's Eagle Conservation and Education Committee, and volunteers her time and energies to its Eagle Watch program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Nicole Slevin is an avid volunteer with the National Park Service, and the Basha Kill Area Association; and

WHEREAS, A young adult drawn to travel and different cultures, Nicole Slevin is a fluent speaker of Spanish, and has visited Mexico, the

Caribbean, Senegal, Canada, and soon will be traveling to Costa Rica; 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 Nicole Slevin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Young Professionals Award by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicole Slevin.