

## 2015-K564

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Federated Conservationists of Westchester County upon the occasion of hosting its 50th Annual Meeting on June 3, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of New York, and 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 commend Federated Conservationists of Westchester County upon the occasion of hosting its 50th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at the Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye, New York; and

WHEREAS, Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC), a charitable organization, is a non-profit environmental coalition of individual and organizational members; since its inception in 1965, FCWC has brought together concerned citizens, numerous community organizations, educators, and diverse professionals committed to preserving and rehabilitating the natural resources of Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, As a result of its sterling reputation and its role as an umbrella organization for numerous and disparate environmental groups, Federated Conservationists of Westchester County has become a trusted resource for the community; government officials, environmental groups, schools, and concerned citizens seek the informed opinions and direction which have become the touchstone of FCWC; and

WHEREAS, An educator, advocate, and protector, FCWC has offered local solutions to global issues for the past decades; this vital organization has expanded its role as a bridge builder between the environmental and

business communities and worked to bring all stakeholders together surrounding these important environmental, social, and economic issues; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, FCWC continues to provide leadership that educates people about environmental issues, problems, and solutions; advocates sound decision making; and works with groups and individuals to protect Westchester's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The success of Federated Conservationists of Westchester County is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Presidents and Executive Directors, both past and present, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, FCWC's distinguished past Presidents include: 1965-67, Dr. Harold Leonard; 1967-69, Henry Schlichting; 1969-70, Ellin London; 1970-71, Sidney Boxer; 1971-73, Marilyn Bowler; 1973-74, Anne Donaldson; 1974-75, Robert Schofield; 1975-77, Joy Simpkins; 1977-79, Berna Weissman; 1979-81, John Thornborough; 1981-83, Stanley Lincoln; 1983-85, Garrison Corwin; 1985-87, Pat Keesee; 1987-88, Trudy Battaly; 1988-90, Bob Funicello; 1990-92, J. Henry Neale; 1992-94, George Case; 1994-97, Maureen Morgan; 1997-99, Nortrud Spero & Win Parker; 1999-2001, Warren Ross; 2001-03, Bill Lawyer; 2003-06, Oreon Sandler; 2006-07, Herb Fox; 2007-09, Cesare Manfredi; 2009-10, Steven J. Levy & Sharon Pickett; 2011-12, Steven J. Levy; 2012-13, Jason Klein; and 2014-15, Jason Klein & Carole Griffiths; FCWC's past Executive Directors include: 1973, Betty Lee; 1974-77, Anne Donaldson; 1977-80, Susanna Jaeger; 1981-85, Carolyn Cunningham; 1985-88, Zelle Andrews; 1988-90, Diana Blaire; 1990-91, Dick Knabel; 1991-2000, Gudrun Lelash; 2000-03, Edna Sussman; 2003-04,

Kieran Quinn; and FCWC's past Program Directors include: 2005-10, Adiel Gavish; and 2011-15, 2005-10 Alicia Molloy; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud

the efforts of organizations such as Federated Conservationists of Westchester County which 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 commend the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County upon the occasion of hosting its 50th Annual Meeting on June 3, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County.