

## 2015-J3413

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Post Dairy Farms, LLC upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Agricultural Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Post Dairy Farms, LLC upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Agricultural Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at an Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Batavia Clarion Hotel, Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Post Dairy Farms, LLC of Oakfield, New York, is receiving this auspicious award for its continued growth and commitment to Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, Post Dairy Farms, LLC is truly a family-run business; Jeff Post, a fifth-generation farmer, shares ownership with his father, Dan, and uncle, John; under their outstanding leadership, Post Farms continues to grow, innovate and prosper; and

WHEREAS, In 1890, Jeff Post's great-great-grandfather bought the 100 acres which would become Post Dairy Farms; the farm was comprised of a barn, a house and some cows to start with, and each generation has added on; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Jeff Post got his Bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Cornell University; he then spent the next eight years working on other farms, learning the business; and

WHEREAS, By 2008, the family wanted him back on the Post Dairy Farms, and subsequently, Jeff Post returned home and now, at age 34, acts as the herd manager; his uncle, John, handles crops; his father, Dan, and grandfather, Ken, work the fields; and his aunt, Laurie, takes care of the calves; and

WHEREAS, The last big expansion of the farm came in 1987, when Post Dairy Farms, LLC went from 180 cows to 230; since then the herd has grown to approximately 350 cows; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Post family built a new milking parlor which features four robotic milking stalls; cows in the robot barn are milked three times a day with very little farmer intervention; and

WHEREAS, To support the dairy operation, the Post family manages 750 acres of land, growing oats, wheat, corn, alfalfa and a hybrid grain known as triticale, primarily as feed for the cattle; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Post Dairy Farms, LLC upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Agricultural Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeff Post, Dan Post, and John Post, co-owners, Post Dairy Farms, LLC.