

## 2015-J3556

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Capital Roots for 40 years of valuable service to New York's Capital Region

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations that would devote themselves 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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Capital Roots; this auspicious milestone was celebrated during its Autumn Evening in the Garden on September 17, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Capital Roots started in 1975 as a community service project of Garden Way, the former manufacturer of Troy-Bilt Lawn and Garden Equipment; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization was established to improve nutrition in New York's Capital Region through organizing community gardens, providing healthy food access, offering nutritional and horticultural education and coordinating urban greening programs; and

WHEREAS, Capital Roots began its Community Garden Program in 1975; since then, 50 Community Gardens have been created and currently, 4,000 Capital District families have food on their table; and

WHEREAS, Capital Roots has expanded to more than just Community Gardens; additional programs that have been included are: Urban Greening Program, the Squash Hunger Program, the Veggie Mobile, the Produce Project, the Healthy Stores Program, and the VeggieRx Program, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Capital Roots hosted the Grand Opening of their

Urban Grow Center which has become their Headquarters and Regional Food Hub; this facility will help Capital Roots triple its produce distribution capacity, which in turn, will allow them to assist more families in the community; 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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Capital Roots, and to wish them continued success in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Capital Roots.