

## 2015-J5395

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which have diligently and consistently, year after year, recorded the history of their communities and brought local news and news of the larger world to their readers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and

WHEREAS, Published continuously for the past 125 years, the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT is the county's oldest news source; since its inception, this vital newspaper has focused on being a critical source of community news, information, commentary and sports; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1891, the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT has proudly and determinedly served its community through the end of the 19th Century, the full breadth of the 20th Century, and now continues into the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its illustrious history, the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT has covered the local impact of two World Wars, the arrival and legacy of the world-famous Woodstock Festival, the rise and fall of the Borscht Belt, and the ongoing affairs of 15 townships, 12 school districts, six village and multiple generations of individuals and families who have sought to better Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Today, the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT remains an active, vibrant part of Sullivan County life; it continues to be a significant local employer, and produces a multitude of print and digital publications read by thousands of people around the world; and

WHEREAS, Since 1927, the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT has been under the luminous direction of the Stabbert family; maintaining a high quality and relevant paper, they, along with their committed staff, continue to deliver a superior product to all of its readers, and serves as an expressive voice to the people of Sullivan County by providing a platform for all members of its community; and

WHEREAS, Our newspapers provide a tremendous service to citizens across the State of New York by keeping them informed about current events; the democracy of our State and Nation is strengthened by a responsible citizenry which is actively engaged in reading and kept abreast of news affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, As the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT moves into the future, it carries with it the legacy of a distinguished journalistic history and an outstanding record of growth and achievement; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT'S distinguished journalistic history and its outstanding record of growth and achievement, recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, and extends its highest commendation to the newspaper and its employees, fully confident that, in its future, it will enjoy the same success which has so characterized its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Stabbert family, owners/operators, the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT.