Whereas, A great state is only as great as those institutions which give exemplary service to their community, whether through organization of voluntary programs, through unique achievement in their field or other endeavors or simply through a lifetime of good citizenry; and

Whereas, New York Sea Grant was organized in 1971 for the purpose of promoting the coastal economic vitality, environmental sustainability and citizen awareness and understanding about the State’s marine and Great Lake’s resources; and

Whereas, Throughout the years, New York Sea Grant has provided numerous services, such as educating fifth graders about aquatic invasive species, supporting graduate students as they sample the water of New York Bight, or training a cadre of undergraduate river stewards as they engage anglers along the Salmon River in New York; and

Whereas, currently in its 40th year, New York Sea Grant has remained a community based organization, working to create positive changes in its neighborhood; and,

Whereas, New York Sea Grant values the formal and informal education of the next generation and has enhanced and enriched the lives of countless families in the local community and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Therefore, I, Lee M. Zeldin, Senator, on behalf of the people of the Third Senate District of the great State of New York, do hereby recognize the members of New York Sea Grant and wish them great success and many more years of prosperity in their service to the people of New York.

Dated: September 9, 2011

Signed by: Senator Lee M. Zeldin, 3rd Senate District