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Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the Annual Winter Meeting hosted by the Adirondack Landowners Association. Since 1990, the ALA has worked to protect the rights of private landowners in the Adirondack Park, encouraging effective resource management and diligent, thoughtful preservation of a priceless natural treasure.

Special congratulations are due to this year's honoree: the **Adirondack Lakes Alliance**, recipient of the *ALA Stewardship Award*. The organization's outstanding leadership, service and commitment to protecting Adirondack waterways from invasive aquatic species are truly worthy of your recognition.

Comprising some 5,000 private landowners who care for over 200,000 acres of land in the Adirondack Park, the Adirondack Landowners Association has a deep appreciation of the region's distinctive qualities and a strong record of wise stewardship and enlightened advocacy. In addition to spearheading an innovative invasive species education program, the ALA works with government officials and community groups to advance sound public policies and promote broader awareness of the Park's potentials and challenges. The Association fosters a lively ongoing dialogue among the taxpayers, employers, nature lovers and other stakeholders who are devoted to the enduring health of the Park. The dedicated officers, board and members of the Adirondack Landowners Association are honoring cherished traditions and maintaining an irreplaceable heritage.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom DiNapoli". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Thomas P. DiNapoli
State Comptroller