

Resolution Honoring NYS State Forest Ranger Robbi Mecus

Whereas the Keene Community lost a beloved community member and leader on April 25th, 2024 with the death of Robbi Mecus in a tragic climbing accident in Alaska's Denali National Park;

Whereas the Keene Diversity Advisory Committee has lost a valued member and tireless advocate for diversity and inclusion;

Whereas the Keene Community lost a brave leader and mentor for the LBGTQIA+ community,

Whereas Robbi Mecus was a tireless protector of New York State wild forests and lands;

Whereas Robbi Mecus was a consummate professional serving the NYS Forest Rangers for 25 years, having participated in hundreds of search and rescue missions, battled forest fires near and far, and saved the lives of many lost and injured hikers;

Whereas she served our community as a loving parent, valued professional, mentor, teacher, and naturalist with kindness, devotion, and laughter; and

Whereas her true legacy lies in the profound effect she had on all of those she shepherded out of the mountains and in life, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Keene Town Board, on behalf of its members and the greater Keene Community:

1. honors the memory of Robbi Mecus and her passionate advocacy for others; her dedication and leadership as a NYS Forest Ranger; and the friendship and joy she brought to so many in Keene and beyond;
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her family including Samantha Stytzer and their beloved daughter, Hazel Stytzer-Mecus and to all those fortunate enough to call Robbi a friend.

Moved by:

Seconded by: