

## 2013-J2641

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Village of Whitesboro

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, In accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the purpose of this Legislative Body to now commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Village of Whitesboro, in Oneida County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Known as the oldest village in Oneida County, the Village of Whitesboro was first settled around 1784 and later incorporated in 1813; the Whitesboro seal displays a notable friendly wrestling match between founder Hugh White and a local Oneida chief; and

WHEREAS, From the shores of Lake Erie along the Mohawk Trail to the Hudson River, Governor DeWitt Clinton had a dream that most people thought amazing but impossible; an Erie Canal waterway that would make trade easier and travel as well; and

WHEREAS, The older part of the Village was bordered by the Erie Canal and the Village's Main Street; when the canal was filled in the first half of the 20th century, Oriskany Boulevard was built over the filled-in canal; this made the Village very prosperous; and

WHEREAS, Ice skating was once popular on the Erie Canal, and once covered with ice, the residents used the Flagg Street Playground in the winter to ice skate; from 1950 through the 1980s, the fire department would spray water on a large area of the several acre playground, and most of the village would come out and skate; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Village of Whitesboro continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive busi-

ness, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Village of Whitesboro's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited location upon the occasion of its 200th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Village of Whitesboro and to enthusiastically salute its residents as they celebrate this auspicious occasion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Village of Whitesboro.