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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Perry, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Perry, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Perry was established in 1814 from part of the Town of Leicester, now in Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, The signing of the Big Tree Treaty with the Iroquois nation at Genesee in 1797, gave the signal that land was now available for the masses of settlers who came from New England; this treaty led to the developer's purchases of the lands west of the Genesee River; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Gates is recognized as the first permanent resident of Perry, New York; he cleared the land on a site overlooking Silver Lake, raised the first wheat crop, and planted the first orchard; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Perry is located on a plateau that overlooks both the Genesee Valley and the Oatka Valley; to the east of Perry lies Letchworth State Park, and to the south is Silver Lake; and

WHEREAS, The location of Perry provides beautiful scenery that includes fields of grain and corn, beans, soybeans, alfalfa, as well as other produce, and is home to some of the most productive farms found in the state of New York; large barns, housing 700 or more milking cows, provide a very productive industry to this area; and

WHEREAS, The Wyoming County Council of the Arts is located in the Business District of Perry, and provides much of the backing for the county's cultural events, some of which include music, plays, and historic interpretations; and

WHEREAS, Built in 1914, The Perry Public Library is located on the first known cemetery in Perry, and has a large collection of reading materials, tapes, computers, and archives; and

WHEREAS, In addition, The Perry Central School District has the longest surviving Alumni Association in the country; each year the Alumni Banquet welcomes the recent graduates into the Alumni Association and honors the history of past graduates; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Perry, New York, continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Perry, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the community of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Perry, New York.