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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Tioga State Bank, to be celebrated on January 28, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful efforts of those financial institutions and their leadership who strive to promote economic vitality and serve the public need; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Tioga State Bank; a year-long celebration of this milestone will commence on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, with a special press event at its main office in Spencer, New York, and check presentations to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, In 1864 in Candor, New York, and 1884 in Spencer, New York, local business owners joined together to form independent community banks to provide badly needed banking services to their respective communities; these two banks combined forces in 1961 to form Tioga State Bank, in order to create a strong, independent community bank committed exclusively to meeting the financial needs of families and businesses in Tioga County and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, Today, Tioga State Bank is still a locally owned independent community bank, and provides financial services to the Southern Tier of New York State and Northern Pennsylvania in eleven offices in Tioga, Broome, Chemung, and Tompkins counties, proudly carrying on this fine institution's tradition of service to their customers and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Tioga State Bank is justly proud of its longevity and heritage; it has been the bank of choice for multiple generations of its

customers, and it has been shepherded under the wise guidance of five generations of the Fisher Family since 1884, currently led ably by its President, Robert Fisher; and

WHEREAS, Tioga State Bank has truly stood the test of time, surviving the Civil War, two World Wars, the Great Depression, the Great Recession and many other momentous events in our State's and nation's history; it has kept pace with the changes of social fabric and technology, evolving from a time in which bank accounts did not have numbers and every check was recorded by hand in big ledgers, to employing the full range of contemporary electronic and digital banking mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, For 150 years, Tioga State Bank has remained steadfast in its dedication to its customers, and its commitment to the community is beyond question; this venerable establishment reinvests all of its deposits in its local communities to improve the quality of life for everyone involved; furthermore, its officers and employees invest their personal time in community service through a wide variety of civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body looks with favor upon the strong role institutions such as Tioga State Bank play in strengthening the social and economic fabric of our communities through providing growth opportunities for citizens and businesses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Tioga State Bank, and to wish this financial institution continued success in its vital work on behalf of its customers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Fisher, President, Tioga State Bank.