

## 2013-K1438

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 250th Anniversary of Ticonderoga, New York on July 24, 2014

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Ticonderoga, New York, to be celebrated on Thursday, July 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The history of Ticonderoga began on July 25, 1764, when King George III granted 2,000 acres of land to Lieutenant John Stoughton, the first English settler of the area; and

WHEREAS, Ticonderoga became the site of America's first victory in the Revolutionary War, after Ethan Allen and his men captured its famous fort from the British in 1775; and

WHEREAS, In 1804, the Town of Ticonderoga was officially created; since then, it has grown into a community of good schools, strong churches, and active service and cultural organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ticonderoga residents cultivated the rich soils of the Champlain Valley not only to provide foodstuffs, but to raise, breed, and race the world famous horses known as Ticonderoga Trotters; and

WHEREAS, A center of industry, Ticonderoga harnessed the water power of the LaChute River to run mills that would produce lumber and refine iron ore and graphite; in addition, the town was actively involved in the production of textiles, boat construction, and more recently, the manufacturing of paper and electricity generation; and

WHEREAS, Over its 250 year history, generations would use the unique resources of "the Land between Two Waters," to create a community which

not only helped America win its independence but would also become a manufacturing, commercial, and transportation center; and WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, Ticonderoga 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 250th Anniversary of Ticonderoga, 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 Ticonderoga.