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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing April 4, 2015, as Halfmoon Celebrations Day in the Town of Halfmoon, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to special events which are held to honor and celebrate the proud and distinguished histories of the towns and villages 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 recognize April 4, 2015, as Halfmoon Celebration Day in the Town of Halfmoon, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1985 by the late Gerald "Judd" Morris, Halfmoon Celebrations is a not-for-profit organization run by town volunteers, who, with a strong commitment to delivering family-fun programs, have helped build the foundations of a strong neighborhood community; and

WHEREAS, The first Halfmoon Days event was organized to foster a spirit of togetherness and appreciation for the many wonderful aspects of the Town of Halfmoon; shortly thereafter, the Halfmoon Celebration Association was formed; and

WHEREAS, The 200th Anniversary of the Town of Halfmoon in 1988 was one of the Halfmoon Celebration Association's most memorable years; this bicentennial featured the creation of a video "Halfmoon-A Peaceful Passageway," and the formation of the HALFMOON HERALD, a publication established to focus on town issues; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the 200th Anniversary celebration also featured the creation of a new Halfmoon Business Directory, as well as numerous community events, including Halfmoon Days in September, and a memorable Bicentennial Ball on New Year's Eve held at Chaucer's Banquet House; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of the fabric of its community, the Halfmoon

Celebration Association continued Halfmoon Days until September 2005; at that time, the Town was proposing a new town hall, and so the Celebrations Association changed directions and started a summer concert series in the park; and

WHEREAS, Since 2004, this esteemed organization has held its Annual Christmas Parade, which each year features numerous events including a bonfire and fireworks; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, the Halfmoon Celebration Association purchased a two-story inflatable movie screen and has subsequently shown "drive-in" style movies during the summer on the Town Complex for the enjoyment of all; and

WHEREAS, Today, Halfmoon Celebrations continues its founder's original mission of fostering town spirit and local pride; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize April 4, 2015, as Halfmoon Celebration Day in the Town of Halfmoon, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Halfmoon Celebrations.