

## 2015-J3031

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Gardiner Reformed Church of Gardiner, New York

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Gardiner Reformed Church of Gardiner, New York; and

WHEREAS, Officially organized on December 30, 1890, the Gardiner Reformed Church is a member of the Reformed Church of America (R.C.A.) which is the oldest Protestant denomination in North America with a continuous ministry; and

WHEREAS, Located in a small town at the foot of the Shawangunk Mountains, the Gardiner Reformed Church is under the luminous direction of Reverend Gary Sissel; and

WHEREAS, Gardiner Reformed Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Gardiner Reformed Church of Gardiner, New York, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Gary Sissel, Pastor, Gardiner Reformed Church, Gardiner, New York.