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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 110th Anniversary of the Warwick Historical Society

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations that seek to bring recognition to historical places within the State of New York, and in doing so, help to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of the Warwick Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, First inaugurated in 1906, the Warwick Historical Society was founded by a small group of community members who gathered in the 1810 House with a shared mission: to protect, preserve and promote the rich heritage of the Town of Warwick and its villages; and

WHEREAS, In less than ten years, the Warwick Historical Society's membership quickly grew to over 100 area residents and the organization published its first work, WARWICK HISTORICAL PAPERS; and

WHEREAS, In 1915, the Warwick Historical Society discussed the purchase of its first property, the Shingle House, built by Daniel Burt for his son, Daniel Jr., in 1764; with the tremendous support of its members, the Board President signed a contract for the building and moved to incorporate the Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, During the 1950s and 1960s, this esteemed preservation group took possession of a number of historically vital properties including the Old School Baptist Meeting House built in 1810 which came to be known as Lewis Park, the Sly Barn constructed in 1825, and the 1810 House; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past two decades, the Warwick Historical Soci-

ety has continued to grow and expand with the addition of the Azariah Ketchum House built in 1810, the Hasbrouck Carriage House erected in the 1840s, the United African Methodist Episcopal Church constructed in 1906, and the Francis Baird Tavern which dates back to 1766; and WHEREAS, In January 2011, the former Albert Wisner Public Library was generously donated to the Historical Society and re-named the A.W. Buckbee Center; today, the building acts as the Society's headquarters, and is home to a historic textile and clothing collection and extensive archives, as well as static exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, The Warwick Historical Society's former headquarters, The Shingle House, is currently being restored with help, in part, through a grant from the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Warwick Historical Society is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Under the illustrious guidance of Executive Director Lisa-Ann Weisbrod, the Warwick Historical Society will continue to preserve important landmarks and educate future generations for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the Warwick Historical Society, and for all of the individuals who have worked to bring proper attention to a place and time which merits recognition in the grand panorama of the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of the Warwick Historical Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Lisa-Ann Weisbrod, Executive Director, Warwick Historical Society.