

## 2015-J4620

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Waterford to be celebrated April 16, 2016

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 200th Anniversary of the Town of Waterford, in Saratoga County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Waterford is situated in the southeastern corner of Saratoga County, 12 miles north of Albany at the junction of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers, and the junction of the Erie and Champlain Canals; it is the home of the "Waterford Flight", the highest set of lift locks in the world; and

WHEREAS, In 1816, the old precinct of "Halve Maan" (Halfmoon) was divided into two separate towns, Halfmoon and Waterford; and

WHEREAS, On April 16, 1816, the Waterford Charter was enacted; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Waterford is located within the Town of Waterford and holds the distinction of being the oldest continually incorporated village in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The industries of Waterford include Momentive Performance Materials, which is the largest employer in Saratoga County, and Mohawk Paper Mill on the historic Kings Canal and Ursula of Switzerland are located in the Northside section of Waterford; and

WHEREAS, Industries on Hudson River Road include Cascades, DeGussa, Golub Warehouses and Maximum Security Products; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the New York State DOT and New York State Canal Corporation both operate out of Waterford, and the Bureau of Historic

Sites has their headquarters on Peebles Island, which is a New York State Park situated in Waterford; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Supervisor John E. Lawler, the Town of Waterford has a full-time Police Department; five volunteer fire departments, a Rescue Squad and an Emergency Team; it is served by two school districts, Waterford-Halfmoon being the primary district, and a small portion of the Town is in the Shenendehowa Central School District; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Waterford 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 200th Anniversary of the Town of Waterford, in Saratoga County, 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 John E. Lawler, Supervisor, Town of Waterford.