

## 2015-J5579

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Jamestown, New York, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the people and 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 First Congregational Church of Jamestown, New York, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, First Congregational was founded on June 16, 1816, and was known as the "pioneer church"; it was the first church organized in the hamlet of the "Rapids," which came to be known as Jamestown in honor of founder James Prendergast; and

WHEREAS, The church's first services were held in a building known as "The Academy," and this building was followed in 1830 by a new building called the Congregational Meeting House; and

WHEREAS, In 1869, the Church built the gothic structure on 317 East Third Street, where it worshipped until the Fall of 2015, before relocating to Forest Avenue to share space with its sister church, Pilgrim Memorial Church; Pilgrim was formed in 1901, by members of the First Congregational seeking to evangelize the south side which had few churches at the time; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of churches large and small in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Jamestown, New York, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the First Congregational Church of Jamestown, New York, Inc.