

## 2017-K405

Assembly Resolution No. 405

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COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the  
Jefferson County Agricultural Society

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in the strength of its communities and agricultural economy and recognizes the importance of promoting locally grown and raised products, and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Jefferson County Agricultural Society; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of the Jefferson County Agricultural Society on October 25, 1817, was centered around the promotion of New York values of community and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, The fair that was organized by the Jefferson County Agricultural Society, starting a year later in 1818, is now the longest consecutively running county fair in the United States of America, a testament to the ongoing success of the fair; and

WHEREAS, On June 8, 1853, the Legislature of the State of New York enacted "An act to Facilitate the Forming of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies", leading to the filing of other acts and supplementary proceedings which incorporated the Jefferson County Agricultural Society on December 8th, 1854; and

WHEREAS, The Jefferson County Fair has grown to encompass a wide range of activities, from agricultural exhibits and shows to a demolition derby, Fireman's parade, and a host of locally produced food on display; and

WHEREAS, The Jefferson County Fair, to be held this year July 11th through July 16th, continues to serve as an attraction bringing hundreds of people each year to see what the county has to offer; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when societies of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Jefferson County Agricultural Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of the Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Jefferson County Agricultural Society.