

## 2017-J5649

Senate Resolution No. 5649

BY: Senator RITCHIE

COMMEMORATING the Bicentennial of the Town of Lyme

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 Lyme in Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Lyme will celebrate its Bicentennial with a community weekend on July 27-29, 2018, beginning with an ice-cream social and block dance on Friday, July 27th, followed by a community day craft show and bicentennial dedication ceremony on Saturday, July 28th, featuring music by the 10th Mountain Division Band and a fireworks show at Chaumont Beach, and culminating with a parade, carnival and barbecue on Sunday, July 29th; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Lyme is composed of lands once part of the Town of Brownville, and was formed in 1818; and

WHEREAS, The name Lyme, was suggested by a resident of Cape Vincent, Eben Kelsy, a former resident of Lyme, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Patriotic fervor has never lacked in Lyme, and many of its earliest settlers were veterans of the Revolutionary War and The War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, The first independence celebration in Jefferson County took place on Independence Point in the Town of Lyme in 1802, thus the name; and

WHEREAS, Lyme has sent many of its residents to every conflict, both large and small, that the United States has been involved in, including the War of 1812, the Patriot War, Civil War, both World Wars, the Korean War and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, In its two centuries, a host of industries, trades and professions have served the town including: fur trapping, commercial fishing, farms, dairies, pot and pearl ash production, lumber and lumber mills, ice harvesting, seed companies, blacksmiths, lime kilns, hotels, motels, spas, boat and ship building, barrel makers, rock quarries, bakeries, grist mills and marinas; and

WHEREAS, As in the past, the Town of Lyme today derives a large amount of economic benefits from its waterways, and includes many seasonal residences, boating, recreational fishing, restaurants, motels and marinas; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Lyme 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 Bicentennial of the Town of Lyme, 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 Supervisor Scott Aubertine, Town of Lyme.