

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Public History Graduate Program of the University at Albany, State University of New York

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those exemplary institutions of higher education within the State of New York for their enduring commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body to celebrate those institutions whose dedication to the study and illumination of historical eras, places, events and figures ensure that the rich history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with present and future generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Public History Graduate Program of the University at Albany, State University of New York; and

WHEREAS, This milestone Anniversary will be recognized at HISTORY LIVES!, a conference celebrating 30 years of the University at Albany's Public History Program, on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, New York State offers outstanding educational opportunities for its citizens through the State University system; and

WHEREAS, The University at Albany's Public History Graduate Program trains Public Historians as practitioners who embrace a mission to make their special insights accessible and useful to the general public and to add to the body of historical knowledge; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Dr. Ivan D. Steen, Professor of History at the University at Albany, founded the Public History Program as a new form of scholarly pursuit in the field of History; and

WHEREAS, Graduate students from across the State, the Nation and around the world enroll in the Public History Graduate Program in order to study this movement, methodology, and approach that promotes the collaborative study and practice of history; and

WHEREAS, In the three decades since its founding, graduates of the Public History Program have gone on to successful careers throughout the world in a wide variety of professional and academic fields, including Archival Science, Cultural Heritage Management, Digital History, Heritage Interpretation, Historic Preservation, Historical Archaeology, Museum Management, Curatorial Science, Oral History, Public Humanities, Collective Memory, Consulting, Public Policy and Public Service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ivan D. Steen, who will be retiring from the History Department at the University, along with the faculty, students and alumni of the Public History Graduate Program all share in its success and may be justly proud of its achievements; and

WHEREAS, The Public History Graduate Program of the University at Albany, State University of New York is deserving of the highest commendation for its impressive commitment to the study of our State's history, its efforts to advance the Public History profession, and its dedication to serving the best interests of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Public History Graduate Program of the University at Albany, State University of New York, fully confident that, in its future, it will enjoy the same success which has so characterized its past; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Public History Graduate Program of the University at

Albany, State University of New York.