

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the City of Salamanca, New York

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 100th Anniversary of the City of Salamanca, in Cattaraugus County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Located along the Allegheny River in New York's Southern Tier, the City of Salamanca has a history extending back to the early 1800s, when settlers began to move into the area following the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, In 1862, the communities in the area were renamed in honor of Don Jose Salamanca, one of the largest stockholders in the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad; the Village of Salamanca was incorporated in 1878; and

WHEREAS, On May 14, 1913, the City of Salamanca was established as the 51st city in New York State; the process only took 85 days from the appointment of a committee to draw up a city charter until Salamanca's incorporation as a city; and

WHEREAS, Logging has been a vital industry for Salamanca throughout its history; in the early days, logs were floated down the Allegheny River to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; today, the City of Salamanca is an important location for the hardwoods industry, with supplies of maple, oak and cherry trees readily available in the area; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1800s, Salamanca became a railroad hub; the city is located along the route between New York City and Chicago, which made Salamanca an important location along this transportation corridor that enabled the country to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, The City of Salamanca is the only city in the United States that lies almost completely on Native American territory; the majority of the city is located within the territory of the Seneca Nation of Indians; and

WHEREAS, Salamanca has played an important role in the establishment of our popular culture; Ray Evans, a musician and songwriter, was born in the City of Salamanca; he composed the famous Christmas song, "Silver Bells"; and

WHEREAS, The City of Salamanca is known as The Gateway to Allegany State Park, a jewel among New York's state parks; the park offers opportunities for year-round recreation including camping, fishing, boating, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, sports, picnicking, and much more; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the City of Salamanca proudly celebrate its long and vibrant history, and they look forward to its future; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the City of Salamanca; and be it further

RESOLVED That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the City of Salamanca, New York.