

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Village and Town of Frankfort, New York

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 150th Anniversary of the Village and Town of Frankfort, in Herkimer County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Village and Town of Frankfort are located in the south central portion of Herkimer County along the southern banks of the Erie Canal and Mohawk River; encompassed within the Town of Frankfort, the Village sits at the northeast corner of the Town; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that the Village of Frankfort was named after Lawrence Frank, a German; he first settled in Frankfort in the mid 1700s and a number of German and Irish settlers followed, but in the late 1800s, something changed; and

WHEREAS, Between 1880 and 1920, thousands of Italian immigrants began descending upon the northeastern United States, and many of them chose Frankfort as the place to call home; both the Town and Village became a popular industrial area and farming and the Westshore Railroad were also appealing to the new citizens; and

WHEREAS, As they settled and worked the railroads, many of them eventually opened their own small businesses and shops, thus establishing some level of prosperity in the area; signs of Frankfort's Italian heritage can be seen today as evidenced by US Census data which suggests that roughly 45 percent of the people living in the Village and Town today claim to have Italian ancestors; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Frankfort is east of Utica and is also home to the Great American Irish Festival, which is one of the fastest growing Irish Festivals in America, held within the Herkimer County Fairgrounds; in addition, the Balloon Farm was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Village and Town of Frankfort 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 150th Anniversary of the Village and Town of Frankfort, New York, 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 the Town of Frankfort, New York.