

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing the Betsy Baldwin Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, upon the occasion of the Chapter's 40th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those outstanding organizations within our communities that, year after year, diligently work to preserve the history of New York State and the United States, encourage patriotism, and promote the advancement of education; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to hereby honor and recognize the Betsy Baldwin Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution upon the occasion of the chapter's 40th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890, and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. as a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization that is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through the education of all children; and

WHEREAS, The Betsy Baldwin Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Baldwinsville, New York, on June 8, 1973, with 19 original members; and

WHEREAS, The Betsy Baldwin Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution was fittingly named in memory of Betsy Baldwin, the wife of Dr. Jonas Baldwin, who aided American Indians and settlers during the early 1800s and later established the Village of Baldwinsville; and

WHEREAS, In 1816, a devastating frost occurred each month of the year, destroying countless crops that supplied food for the settlers and Indians of the Baldwinsville area, so Betsy Baldwin and her husband, Dr. Jonas Baldwin, decided to supply food to the tribe of 250 Oneida Indians; and

WHEREAS, One year later, the women of the village saw a need for an organization to aid all of those less fortunate than themselves, so they formed the Female Charitable Society and elected Betsy Baldwin as the organization's first president; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Betsy Baldwin Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution has nearly 70 members and meets each month to discuss and organize ongoing public service projects within the Baldwinsville community; and

WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, members of the Betsy Baldwin Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution have carried out the objectives laid forth in the first meeting of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, by devoting their efforts to preserving historic artifacts, such as the American flag and various monuments, providing care and assistance to hospitalized veterans, and by recognizing citizens who have made significant contributions to their Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Betsy Baldwin Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution has remained dedicated to the support and enhancement of the education of our youth, providing scholarships to outstanding students in categories that include History, American History, Political Science, Preservation, Medicine, Nursing, and Occupational and Physical Therapy; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Betsy Baldwin Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution has supported various local youth programs that encourage good citizenship through teaching history and

the principles of government, while also awarding students recognition

for their contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, To publicly mark its 40th anniversary, the Betsy Baldwin Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a celebration in Baldwinsville on June 17, 2013; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and honor the Betsy Baldwin Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution upon the occasion of the chapter's 40th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jane Jacobs, Regent to the Betsy Baldwin Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution.