

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Ballston, Saratoga County

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 225th Anniversary of the Town of Ballston, in the County of Saratoga, New York; and

WHEREAS, On July 13, 2013, the Town of Ballston will hold a celebration of its 225th Anniversary; events to commemorate this celebration will be held at the Ballston Town Hall, the Merchant Farm and the Ballston Center Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ballston will be showing Historic Exhibits, restored modes of transportation from years past, toys and games from over a century ago, historical reenactments, petting zoos, and traditional foods and drink, as well as a traditional game of baseball; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ballston officially came into being on March 7, 1788; previously it was part of Albany County, but was divided on March 24, 1772, into two districts; in 1775, the District of Ballston was taken from the District of Saratoga, creating three districts within Albany; and

WHEREAS, On February 7, 1791, by means of an Act of the New York State Legislature, the County of Saratoga was created and the Town of Ballston was one of the first four "Mother Towns"; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ballston was originally a hunting ground for Iroquois Indians, and first settlements came in with the establishment of a community around the home of Reverend Eliphalet Ball, for whom the town is named; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ballston and its settlers took part in the Revolutionary War with residents fighting for both the Patriots and the British; most notably, Joe Betteys, who lived with his family in the Town of Ballston, and first fought for the Patriots and then, later, became a spy for the British; and

WHEREAS, After the Town's founding, three major communities developed, Ballston Center, Ballston Lake and Burnt Hills; and

WHEREAS, With good fortune and a vast and rich history, the Town of Ballston will continue to march forward as a safe and enjoyable community to call home; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Ballston continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive environment for residents and businesses as well as supporting and advocating on behalf of its rich agricultural history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Ballston, 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 copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ballston Town Historian, Rick Reynolds, and the 225th Anniversary Committee, as well as to leaders of the Town of Ballston.