

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Sweden

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 200th Anniversary of the Town of Sweden, New York, located in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, On the evening of April 5, 1814, the Town of Sweden was born at a town meeting held at the home of Reuben Stickney on the corner of Lake and Swamp Roads; this meeting was held in accordance with the April 1813 State Legislature enacted bill that required the large township of Genesee County to be split into three new towns named Bergen, Sweden and Murray; and

WHEREAS, The development of the Erie Canal created a stopping point as the canal ended in Sweden in 1823; farming began to flourish in the area, canal access allowed easy shipping of commodities as well as the receiving of supplies, and in 1829 the Village of Brockport was founded; and

WHEREAS, In 1832 the Baptist Collegiate Institute was founded, bringing higher education into the Town; the institute would later be known as the Brockport Normal School; in this same year, the first fire company was founded; and

WHEREAS, A water system which drew water from Lake Ontario was constructed in 1912 and is still in operation today; and

WHEREAS, Between 1938 and 1946, the Brockport Normal School expanded under the leadership of Mr. Hartwell, and in the mid 1960's, it became part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system; during this time, Sweden Village, the first housing development, was constructed; and

WHEREAS, The 1980's brought more growth and expansion with the construction of the Sweden Senior Center, several new apartment complexes and shopping plazas; Sweden became a suburban community, college town, and agricultural power with eleven active churches, two libraries, five volunteer fire companies, a share of Northampton County Park, and three museums; and

WHEREAS, During the early 2000's, the Town took bold new steps to improve recreational programs and facilities for its residents; over the next decade, six soccer/lacrosse/football fields, a full-size baseball field, skate park, golf course, nature trails, and sand volleyball courts were installed, as well as the infrastructure to support public programming; and

WHEREAS, As the Town of Sweden moves forward into its third century, it remains committed to agriculture, education, recreation and community service, the elements that have made it successful for 200 years; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Sweden 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 200th Anniversary of the Town of Sweden, 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 Sweden.

