

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Stillwater, New York

WHEREAS, Each and every city, town, village and hamlet within its borders proudly resonates with the rich and noble history of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate the anniversary of the founding of municipalities throughout the State, noting in turn their contributions to the fabric and development of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Stillwater, New York, recognizing the significance of this special anniversary and applauding its distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, Located on a major road from Albany, New York, to Canada, the Town and Village of Stillwater, New York thrive; while the village was founded in 1816, many preceding years fostered important historical events; and

WHEREAS, Initially, Native Americans would cross the Hoosick River from the historic Town and Village of Stillwater; later, in the years 1690, 1691, and 1709, and during the French and Indian Wars, there were expeditionary forces; and

WHEREAS, A blockhouse and stockade called Fort Ingoldsby were built in Stillwater in 1709 by Peter Schuyler to protect the river landing; later, in 1756, it was replaced by Fort Winslow and, its storehouses were again used during the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, In 1732 the Cornelius Vandenburg house was built across the river and a ferry was based there; the house still stands with its date, 1732, in iron figures plainly visible; several other streets in the village also honor Revolutionary War heroes and outstanding personalities; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Stillwater furnished the field for the Battles of Bemis Heights - or Saratoga and, half of the 13th Albany Militia Regiment which helped defeat the British on October 7, 1777, now officially one of the 15 most decisive battles of the world, and, the area is now the Saratoga National Historical Park; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County was formed in 1791 and the first meeting of the county Board of Supervisors was held in Stillwater; the Town itself was formed in 1791, and the Village was incorporated in 1816; and

WHEREAS, There is currently a building boom and with the growth of industry such as the tech park, people are discovering the benefits of living in this great town and village and census figures show that Stillwater is growing steadily; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Stillwater 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 225th Anniversary of the Town of Stillwater, 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 to enthusiastically salute its residents as they celebrate this auspicious occasion; and be it further

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