

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Friendship, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the people and 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 Friendship, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Friendship was officially formed on March 24, 1815, when it separated from the Town of Caneadea; Friendship originally included the present-day towns of Cuba, Bolivar, and Wirt; and

WHEREAS, The first settlement in Friendship was built in 1806 by Richard Friar, who originated from Ulster County, New York; the first school lessons were taught by Pelatiah Morgan in the winter of 1810-1811; the first store was opened in the spring of 1818 by Stephen Smith; and

WHEREAS, In 1851, the first locomotive came into town, and a depot was erected on Erie Road; as a result, various businesses were established and manufacturing was developed in the town including the production of cheese, butter, and flour; and

WHEREAS, Churches were established in many denominations in the Town of Friendship including Presbyterian in 1813, Baptist in 1822, Methodist Episcopal in 1825, the Seventh Day Baptist Church of the Nile in 1824, and Universalist in 1854; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of communities large and small in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Friendship; and be it further

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