

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 161st Anniversary of the Saratoga Chip, and recognizing August 24, 2014, as Saratoga Chip Day

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges noteworthy events in America's history which deserve special recognition such as the creation of the potato chip; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 161st Anniversary of the Saratoga Chip; this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize August 24, 2014, as the official Saratoga Chip Day, honoring the day the chip was first created, at a celebration to be held at the Saratoga Race Track, Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, America's first potato chip was created by George Crum, a cook at Moon's Lake House on Saratoga Lake, in Saratoga Springs, New York, on August 24, 1853; and

WHEREAS, In 1853, a patron ordered fried potatoes with his meal; he complained the potatoes were too thick and sent them back to the cook; upset someone would criticize his cooking, George Crum sliced a new batch of potatoes paper-thin, fried them to a crisp in boiling oil, and then salted them; and

WHEREAS, What was intended as a stunt turned into an instant hit; the fussy patron and his friends loved the "crunch potato slices"; soon the chips became known as Saratoga Chips; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga Chips, as they were initially known, is the original potato chip which helped launch a multi-billion dollar a year industry in the snack food business; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga Chips was reintroduced to the market in 2009 as "America's First Kettle Chip", and since that time, has grown steadily in popularity; and

WHEREAS, An industry was launched; today, Americans consume more potato chips than any other people in the world, making potato chips America's favorite snack; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 161st Anniversary of the Saratoga Chip, and to recognize August 24, 2014, as Saratoga Chip Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Saratoga Chips, LLC.