

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Argyle

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and 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 250th Anniversary of the Town of Argyle; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Argyle, comprising about 35,000 acres of land, lies close to the center of Washington County between the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains of Vermont; the patent of Argyle was granted March 13, 1764, and it is one of the first town's founded in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, The area that is now Argyle, New York at the time of the town's formation was in Albany County, and later, due to boundary changes, became part of Charlotte County; in 1784, Charlotte County became known as Washington County; and

WHEREAS, As the name of the town suggests, most early settlers came from Scotland, and were fleeing religious persecution; the industrious Scots took advantage of Argyle's natural clay resources and made the brick from which they built their homes themselves; and

WHEREAS, During the past 200 years there have been many changes in all aspects of the lives of Argyle's community; despite all of these changes, however, Argyle remains essentially a rural community, and many descendants of the town's original settlers are still living in the town in some of the grand old homes that grace the area; and

WHEREAS, The roads have been modernized to accommodate heavy traffic, yet there are still no public transportation facilities nor traffic lights; many of the local residents travel daily to their places of employment in other communities, and less than one hour will take its residents to innumerable sites for shopping and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Argyle is fortunate to have local employment opportunities in both large and small businesses; The National Catheter Corp., Sherwood Medical Industries and Sheridan Catheter Corp. all manufacture medical supplies in Argyle; these companies employ hundreds and are a key to Argyle's economic base; and

WHEREAS, Argyle Central School District's 16 schools were centralized in 1938, and with the opening of the new addition in 1975, Argyle Central School now has an enrollment of over 900 students; and

WHEREAS, The Argyle community is well served by volunteers who work for the J.A. Bar Hose Co. and the Argyle Emergency Squad, as well as the Pleasant Valley Infirmary; the infirmary, established in 1827 as the County House, is still providing quality health care to the entire county; and

WHEREAS, A long-standing community landmark, the Argyle Free Library is a member of the Southern Adirondack Library System, and has been housed in one of the oldest buildings in Argyle since 1927; and

WHEREAS, Argyle also houses five churches that serve the religious needs of the community's residents; the United Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, South Argyle United Presbyterian Church, North Argyle Community Church and North Argyle United Presbyterian Church have strong congregations within the community, some of which were organized during the town's infant years; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Town of Argyle's population is approximately 3,688; recent years have brought an upswing in its population as many

people have found this peaceful, rural community which is still close to employment and commercial centers quite an attractive place to live; and

WHEREAS, Of historic origin, and remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Argyle continues to provide the quintessential quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Argyle, New York have a bright outlook for the future of their community, which remains a beautiful place in which to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Argyle's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited town upon the occasion of its 250th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Argyle, 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 Argyle.