

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Brighton Town Hall on July 27, 2014

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 100th Anniversary of the Brighton Town Hall, to be celebrated on Sunday, July 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The town of Brighton is located in the southern part of Franklin County in northern New York; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1858 Brighton was separated from the Town of Duane, and of the 8,340 square miles of the town, 40% is state owned; much of the land is forested, with the exception of the farmland; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Brighton, New York is comprised of many lakes including Osgood, Lower St. Regis, Spitfire, Upper St. Regis, Spectacles, Barnum, Mountain, Jones, and part of Rainbow Lake; the St. Regis River begins at Lower St. Regis Lake; and

WHEREAS, Brighton's shingle-style Town Hall, the heart of its town justice system and governance, was designed by Brighton's own Ben Muncil in 1914; it has remained the heart of its town government for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Over the past century, Brighton's original Town Hall building has withstood the Adirondack climate in fairly good condition, and in 2003, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Following this momentous occasion the Town of Brighton received awards to facilitate the Town Hall restoration from the New York State Council on the Arts Architecture, Planning and Design Program, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, countless donations were also received from numerous residents and friends of the Town of Brighton; and

WHEREAS, Due to the generous outpouring of help, Brighton Town Hall has had extensive renovation to the stairs, stonework, floor, ceiling, heating system, windows, and meeting area; the Townspeople will no doubt continue to care for "The People's House" on into the future; and

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

WHEREAS, The residents of Brighton, 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 Brighton's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to its spirited Town Hall upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Brighton, New York Town Hall, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of its community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brighton Town Hall.