

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Whallonsburgh Grange Hall on September 13, 2015

WHEREAS, New York State and the entire United States are dependent on our farming industry for a variety of food products; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious agricultural organizations within the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; 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 Whallonsburgh Grange Hall, to be celebrated with a Block Party on Sunday, September 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Whallonsburgh Grange Hall was built by Grange PoH Chapter 954 in 1915, during which time the hall served as a central meeting place for the agricultural community of Essex, New York; in the building, farmers held dances, weddings, suppers, lyceums, discussions and other events; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Whallonsburgh Grange Hall has been renovated to include a state-of-the-art film theatre and community kitchen; it is the home to Champlain Valley Film Society, and the venue for many theatre productions including the Boquet River Theatre Festival, musical performances, visiting artists, classes and workshops of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, More than just a structure, the Whallonsburgh Grange Hall has served as the heart of this rural community for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, During its long and storied history, the Whallonsburgh Grange Hall has helped foster and support interest in agricultural affairs, community progress and strong family values; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this vital organization continues to encourage interest in agricultural life among the residents of the region through its work to advance numerous educational programs, progressive legislative agendas and wholesome participation by the youth of the community; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Whallonsburgh Grange Hall is in direct correlation to the efforts of the many individuals who have supported the development of this outstanding organization over the years; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Whallonsburgh Grange Hall on September 13, 2015; and be it further

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