LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Milton Train Station Foundation, Milton, New York, on October 16, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Milton Train Station Foundation, Milton, New York; this auspicious occasion will be marked with a Celebration on Sunday, October 16, 2016, at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, the Town of Marlborough undertook the responsibility of restoring the 1883 West Shore Railroad Station in the hamlet of Milton, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Town secured National Historic Designation for the site and enlisted the help of a group of citizens that became the non-profit Milton Train Station Foundation; the group was able to raise a substantial amount of money and invest 10,000 plus hours in the Train Station's rehabilitation while working largely with volunteer labor; and

WHEREAS, Some of the improvements to the Milton-On-Hudson Train Station included installing an HVAC system, connecting 200 amp electrical services, hooking into municipal water and sewer, adding insulation, installing 2 ADA compliant bathrooms while still preserving flooring, wainscoting, molding, windows and doors in a historically correct manner as well as replacement of the metal standing seam roof with historic gable facades and restoration of the board and batten exterior finish; and

WHEREAS, Through the concerted effort of public officials, foundations and private individuals, the Town of Marlborough has been able to rehabilitate the Milton-On-Hudson Train Station, which is the only historic railroad station on the western shore of the Hudson River still open to the public; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Milton-On-Hudson Train Station has been transformed into a community center for the enjoyment of the natural, scenic and cultural resources in the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the Milton-On-Hudson Train Station is in direct correlation to the efforts of the Foundation, whose involvement is and has always been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all of their efforts on behalf of the Train Station and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Milton-On-Hudson Train Station may take just pride in its purposeful growth as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Milton Train Station Foundation, Milton, New York, on October 16, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Milton Train Station Foundation.