

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Village of New Berlin, New York, on June 11, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the 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 200th Anniversary of the Village of New Berlin, in Chenango County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established on April 3, 1807, the Town of New Berlin was founded by a partition of the Town of Norwich in 1807; and

WHEREAS, The Village of New Berlin was incorporated in 1816, and it was named after Berlin, Connecticut, from which many new Yankee settlers had come; and

WHEREAS, The Village's historic district includes 122 properties in both residential and commercial areas; the Preferred Manor Guest House was built in 1831, and is listed on the National Register of Historic places as a stop in the Underground Railroad of the Civil War; today, it serves as a bed and breakfast owned and operated by the Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, which also has its corporate home in New Berlin; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2000 Census, 1,129 residents of 425 households and 256 families resided in the Village of New Berlin; many of these residents attend services at the Methodist, Episcopalian, Catholic, Baptist or Pentecostal church; and

WHEREAS, The Unadilla Valley Central School, about two miles south of the Village, was established as a merger between the former New Berlin and adjacent South New Berlin Central School Districts; it is comprised of 105 full and part-time teachers, teacher assistants and 80 support staff members managing High School, Elementary School and Middle School students; in addition, the Village is also home to the Milford Academy, formerly of Milford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, The Village of New Berlin has something for everyone; an active and diverse community, the Village hosts an Art Council which provides various performances throughout the year, and maintains its own library in continued support of the arts and literature; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the delightful Village of New Berlin offers residents and visitors numerous places to eat, shop or just sit and relax; and

WHEREAS, There are also plenty of activities for children to participate in such as day camp and Vacation Bible School; kids also like to play at several picnic and playground areas, and swim and canoe on the local lake, as well as attend numerous school-sponsored activities; and

WHEREAS, During the summer, tourists enjoy camping, boating, fishing and picnicking at Hunts Pond State Park, a nearby attraction which offers camping, a boat launch, fishing and a picnic area; opened year round, the park is adjacent to state land ideal for hiking, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, under the luminous leadership of Mayor Terry Potter, the Village of New Berlin continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Village of New Berlin, New York, on June 11, 2016, 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 Terry Potter, Mayor, Village of New Berlin.