

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Gladding Braided Products, LLC

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire 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 founding of Gladding Braided Products, LLC; and

WHEREAS, In 1816, John Gladding founded what is known today as Gladding Braided Products, LLC in the town of Pharsalia, New York; he would go on to build the company into a leading manufacturer of such marine textiles as ropes, chalk lines, and fishing lines; and

WHEREAS, As John Gladding's business grew and expanded, he was joined by his son, James, and grandson, B.F. Gladding, who both managed the business and helped forge a reputation for producing the highest quality fishing lines; and

WHEREAS, In 1895, B. F. Gladding directed the company to produce new braided fishing lines, using the finest Japanese silks; his many years of braiding experience combined with such superior raw materials led to the introduction of The Invincible, the flagship line of all of Gladding's many brands; and

WHEREAS, Taking the name B.F. Gladding & Company, the business moved to South Otselic, New York, in 1890; it soon became a vital part of its community both as an employer, and through its support of numerous civic minded ventures including a public water supply, new sidewalks and fire protection, as well as the area's first public telephone system; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, approximately seven successive generations of the Gladding family served as managers of the company; by the late 1920s, B.F. Gladding & Company was reputed to be the largest and oldest fishing line manufacturer in the world; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, the Gladding Corporation formed the International Sport Fishing Museum, where vintage fishing tackle, Gladding memorabilia and other related objects were displayed; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Gladding was purchased by Sparky Christakos and became Gladding Braided Products, LLC; it has remained committed to preserving its founders tradition of providing uncompromising attention and dedication to its customers; and

WHEREAS, Today, Gladding Braided Products continues to adapt to an ever-changing marketplace with advanced scientific achievements in raw materials and precision in order to serve the needs of the medical, automotive, aeronautics, electronics, and commercial fishing and netting markets; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gladding Braided Products is committed to working tirelessly to design and engineer custom braids to satisfy the most demanding specifications of such diverse customers as the United States Department of Defense, the Cosmic Goose, and Morty the Knife Man; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the Gladding Braided Products' success, recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, and extends its highest commendation to the corporation and its employees, fully confident that, in its future, it will enjoy the same success which has so characterized its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Gladding Braided Products, LLC; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Gladding Braided Products, LLC.