

BY: Senator SEWARD

COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the Town of
Davenport, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the towns and villages 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 Town of Davenport, New York, to be celebrated with a weekend of festivities on Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, In 1810, John Davenport, a then-34-year-old entrepreneur, decided to go out on his own, picking up and moving westward to what was then known as lot 24 of the Charlotte River Patent; and

WHEREAS, During this time, John Davenport opened a store near his new home on the south side of the Charlotte River, in the vicinity of today's intersection of Brickhouse Hill Road and state Route 23 in Davenport, New York; as a storekeeper, he got to know everyone settling in the area and was a trusted neighbor of good repute; and

WHEREAS, In the early months of 1817, a petition began circulating to form a new town and on March 31, 1817, the Town of Davenport was formed by the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Davenport held its first meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 1817, in the home of Widow Sigsbee; town officials and functionaries were elected, with John Davenport elected as town supervisor; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings of 800 people occupying approximately 140 homes, the Town of Davenport, located in Delaware County, has grown to a population of nearly 3,000 individuals; and

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

WHEREAS, The residents of the Town of Davenport 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 the Town of Davenport's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited town upon the occasion of its 200th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Davenport, and to enthusiastically salute its residents as they celebrate this auspicious occasion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Davenport, New York.