

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 80th Anniversary of the Potsdam  
Public Museum

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Potsdam Public Museum; and

**WHEREAS,** The Potsdam Public Museum is a non-profit educational institution which strives to collect, preserve, study and exhibit artifacts and materials relating to the history of Potsdam, New York, and the surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1940, the Potsdam Public Museum is a department of the Village of Potsdam, with policy governed by an independent board of trustees; its extensive collections span the history of the Village and include 18th-20th Century decorative arts collected by area residents; and

**WHEREAS,** The building housing the Potsdam Public Museum was built in 1876, as the First Universalist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** In the early 1930s, the congregation donated the building to the village to be used as a public library, and it served as the library from 1940 until 1976; during that time, the museum was moved from its original location to the basement of the Civic Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, the Potsdam Public Museum houses the exhibit galleries, archives, educational facilities, work rooms and storage areas of the Museum; since 1933, the building has been part of the Civic Center, together with an auditorium and the municipal offices which were built, using Potsdam sandstone, as a voter-approved bond project; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of the Potsdam Public Museum is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff and board, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Potsdam Public Museum; and be it

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**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Potsdam Public Museum.