

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the Village
of Norwood, New York, from July 3-4, 2022

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 150th Anniversary of the Village of Norwood, New York, to be celebrated from July 3-4, 2022, with a myriad of events concluding with a fireworks display; and

WHEREAS, The history of Norwood began in the early 1800s, with the arrival of New England farmers, followed by the railroads in the 1850s and the automobile in the early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, Norwood was founded on the farmland and holdings of three men, James Symonds, Benjamin G. Baldwin, who sold lots and larger holdings east of the Raquette River, and Charles McCarty whose farm lay west of the river; these three men formed the Raquetteville Water Company to develop water power and sell house lots along the river; and

WHEREAS, Officially established in 1872, the village was originally named Potsdam Junction, and then Baldwin, before a meeting was held on April 5, 1875, to choose a name; after a vote, the village was officially named Norwood; and

WHEREAS, On January 4, 1876, the Board of Trustees appointed two prominent residents, William Waldron and Loren Ashley to form two fire engine companies of not less than 20 men each and establish fire protection in the village using water from reservoirs on the corner of Park Street, Prospect Street and near Main Street and on Depot Street near the American House; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Ducolin, a manufacturer and dealer in stoves and the former owner of a fire engine, was named Chief Engineer of the Village Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In 1894, streetlamps were purchased and installed on Main Street as far as the Congregational Church, on Mechanic Street and a few on Spring Street which were lit by Mr. Dutton; later, H. Leete took care of the lamps, which now included one in front of the Catholic Church on Railroad Street and on the corner of Park and River Streets; the lamps were left lit until the arrival of the last train at 11:35 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, These two were the first lawmen of the Village, followed by E.J. Johnson; John LaDue was paid \$30 to act as night watchman for the period of October 1, 1889 to April 1, 1900, and was later offered the salary of \$4 per week if in addition to acting as night police he would

also be the custodian of the Music Hall and care for tramps and provide himself with a uniform to wear while on duty; and

WHEREAS, The Norwood Post Office opened on July 1, 1903, and mail was delivered on Route 1 and Route 2; in 1913, Norwood was chosen as one of about 20 communities in the entire United States to receive home delivery of mail on what was to be on an experimental basis; on April 15, 1913, Arthur N. Tebo was designated the carrier, and often made his twice a day rounds on a bicycle; and

WHEREAS, On May 10, 1912, Carolyn Webster, State Organizer of Libraries, came to Norwood to help found a library, and the first board was elected on June 12, 1912: President, George Harris; Vice President, Ella Pease; Secretary, Louise Fletcher; Treasurer, Fred R. Smith; Chairman of the book committee, Dr. Leo P. Regan; and other committee members, John Turner, Paul Walker, J.B. Pringle, W.T. Leonard, Eugene McCarthy, Ada Smith, and Frances McNulty; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, numerous businesses, groups and organizations were established including the Norwood-Norfolk Central School, the American Legion Auxiliary Clark-Robinson Post Unit 68, Luther Priest Women's Relief Corps 2016, the Norwood Historical Association, Kiwanis Club of Norwood, the Norwood Chamber of Commerce, Norwood Golden Agers Club, the Norwood Literary Club, Norwood Minor Hockey Association, St. Andrew's Civics Club, What Cheer Lodge No. 689 F&AM, and Lyra Chapter No. 230, Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, In addition, visitors and residents enjoy participating in events such as the Norwood Brass Firemen concerts, the Norwood Village Green Concert Series, and the Norwood Lake Regatta; and

WHEREAS, For 150 years, the administrators and residents of the Village of Norwood have worked together to maintain its moniker, "A Nice Place to Live"; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Village of Norwood 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 150th Anniversary of the Village of Norwood, 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 Tim Levison, Mayor, Village of Norwood.