

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 230th Anniversary of the Town of
Cazenovia, New York

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 230th Anniversary of the Town of Cazenovia, New York; this milestone was recognized on Saturday, January 21, 2023, during the kickoff event to Cazenovia Heritage's "Caz230," a year-long celebration of 230 years of Cazenovia's industry and innovation, highlighting the community's rich inventory of historic architectural styles; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2021, Cazenovia Heritage is a community organization which seeks to conserve the area's cultural resources, including the historic architecture, neighborhoods, sites, and objects that contribute to the town's unique sense of place and character; and

WHEREAS, The schedule of events also includes walking tours focused on the architecture of Cazenovia churches, Albany Street, porches and porticos; self-guided tours of Cazenovia homes and schoolhouses; on-site programs at a local barn and the historic Farnham Cemetery; children's programs; an art exhibit and architectural gallery; and special presentations by noted speakers; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, in May, a Founding Day celebration will be held near John Lincklean's original campsite, which was located between the Brewster Inn and Gypsy Bay; the observance will be followed by a birthday cake at the Cazenovia Club and an architectural tour of the 1890s Owahgena Clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Cazenovia, located in Madison County, was founded in May of 1793 by John Lincklaen, a field agent for Theophile Cazenove, a land speculator with the Holland Land Company in New York; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, slightly northeast of the center of town and beautifully situated on the east shore of Cazenovia Lake, the Village of Cazenovia was incorporated on February 7, 1810; and

WHEREAS, Cazenovia is renowned for the immense beauty of its historic architectural styles, most notably the center-chimney house; a center-chimney house is generally a one, one and a half, or squat two-story timber frame house which has a single masonry chimney close to its center with two or three fireplaces on the home's first story; and

WHEREAS, The first home of this kind was built in 1793, and finished by Samuel Forman at the present Lakeland Park property in Cazenovia;

furthermore, one of the most intact examples of this architectural type is the Roswell Beckwith House, more commonly known as the Ladd House, on Syracuse Road; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Cazenovia has always been optimistic and vibrant with hope and excitement; a truly charming community, there is a special comfort in the safety of a small town where the streets are named after familiar people and landmarks; and

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

WHEREAS, The residents of Cazenovia have a bright outlook for the future of their community, which remains a beautiful place in which to live, work and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Cazenovia's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited village upon the occasion of its 230th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 230th Anniversary of the Town of Cazenovia, New York, 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 the Town of Cazenovia, New York.