

Assembly Resolution No. 773

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COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the Village
of Sleepy Hollow, New York, on January 2, 2024

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 Sleepy Hollow, New York, on Tuesday, January 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Sleepy Hollow's name is Dutch in origin, believed to denote a description of a cove; the bordering Hudson River contributed to the flourishing of the Village; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 1874, the local government was established by a group of concerned citizens, and their commitment is still sustained, meeting the needs of the residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Philipse settled in America around 1650; he was a Master Carpenter by trade, acting as an architect, a builder, a real estate developer, and an entrepreneur; he met and married Margaret Hardenbroeck, the widow of wealthy merchant Pieter DeVries; the couple were the most affluent in the colony, and over the next two decades, they amassed a vast estate along the Hudson River, eventually encompassing more than 52,000 acres of land, including the Village of Sleepy Hollow; and

WHEREAS, The Old Dutch Church, built by Frederick Philipse in 1685, has been recognized as one of the oldest churches in New York State, still holding worship services; this national landmark is the setting for Washington Irving's short story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"; General George Washington and his Continental Army rested at the church on July 2, 1781, on their way to meet the French Army in Dobbs Ferry; and

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

WHEREAS, The residents of the Village of Sleepy Hollow have a bright outlook for the future of their community which remains a beautiful place in which to live, raise a family, conduct business, and enjoy the natural beauty and historical sites that make this sector of New York State a charming and welcoming community, its population growing to more than 12,000 residents who are grateful to call it home; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Village of Sleepy Hollow'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 150th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, New York, on January 2, 2024, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the communities of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Village of Sleepy Hollow.