

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Village
of East Williston, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise 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 100th Anniversary of the Village of East Williston, New York, on Sunday, April 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, While the incorporated village is a century old, its roots stretch back to the 17th century, when European farmers first settled the fertile lands of the Hempstead Plains; since, the village has experienced vast changes and growth, developing into the vibrant suburban municipality it is today; and

WHEREAS, The area now known as East Williston was formerly called "The North Side," in reference to its location on the north side of Hempstead Plains, the town's grazing grounds; the first recorded use of the name "The North Side" traces back to a deed dated January 19, 1663; and

WHEREAS, Gradually, the name "Williston" came into use toward the middle of the 19th century, due to the many families named Willis residing in the area; that name became "East Williston" in 1879, and the early village comprised an area of almost four square miles, extending from Jericho Turnpike to I.U. Willets Road, and from Herricks Road to Bacon Road; and

WHEREAS, The geographic center of Nassau County, New York, the Village of East Williston is known for its charm, character, and strong sense of community, boasting beautiful tree-lined streets, unique historic homes, and longstanding institutions which have become a staple of the village and stand as a testament to its citizenry's generational commitment to living life in their beloved community; and

WHEREAS, By East Williston's incorporation in 1926, the Long Island Rail Road, the growth of residential neighborhoods, and the establishment of local businesses had already begun to shape the community; and

WHEREAS, The Village of East Williston has carefully balanced progress with preservation in welcoming new families, fostering civic pride, and expanding parks and public spaces, while protecting its historic architecture and cherished traditions; and

WHEREAS, The centennial year will feature special presentations, guided walking tours, and community-wide celebrations, as well as a

newly published book that will bring East Williston's past and present to life, offering new residents a meaningful introduction to the village's history while giving longtime neighbors the opportunity to discover stories and details they may not have known; and

WHEREAS, East Williston's 100th anniversary provides an opportunity for meaningful reflection, gratitude, and pride, recognizing the people, places, and events which have defined the history and spirit of this cherished community over the course of a century; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Village of East Williston continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional, and educational climate, while providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Village of East Williston, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the communities and citizens 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 East Williston, New York.