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COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Savannah, New York, on February 28, 2025

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 200th Anniversary of the Town of Savannah in Wayne County, New York, on February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The history of the land where the Town of Savannah is located is rich in historic artifacts, spanning well beyond 200 years ago to centuries more of permanent and seasonal communities by Native American peoples, including the Cayuga and Owasco people; and

WHEREAS, The Town was formed from the City of Galen; from a rugged landscape, the people of Savannah transformed the land into flourishing farmland and have been historically known as top producers of potatoes, onions, and sugar beets for some time; Savannah farms continue to provide fresh, high-quality produce to the local community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Savannah is also known as a significant destination for its trails through beautiful wetlands, abundant wildlife, and diverse recreation; it is part of the Erie Canalway Trail, Montezuma Wetlands Complex, and a globally significant Important Bird Area; and

WHEREAS, With a community that actively values and is committed to service and community development, whether it is creating community fields, ensuring the Erie Canalway Trail did not bypass Savannah, putting on festivals, hosting community dinners, serving as first responders, protecting wildlife and domesticated animals, providing places of worship and food to residents in need, Savannah is poised to continue its growth and success for centuries to come; and

WHEREAS, Savannah is home to local businesses, both old and new, that actively serve the community by providing jobs, needed goods and services, as well as being generous in consistently giving to community needs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Savannah is fortunate to have both long-standing local businesses that have served with excellence and adapted to the needs of the community over the decades, as well as new and innovative small businesses and home-based businesses that continue to enrich and extend the offerings available to Savannah residents; and

WHEREAS, Savannah residents, business owners, local organizations, and town officials and staff look forward to building on this storied

and important history, working together to build a thriving town into the next century; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Savannah, 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 Savannah, New York.