

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**COMMEMORATING** the 125th Anniversary of the  
Ellenville Public Library & Museum on June 9, 2018

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Ellenville Public Library & Museum, to be celebrated with a Birthday Party on Saturday, June 9, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** The Ellenville Public Library & Museum was chartered in 1893 as a school district library; beginning with a collection of 1,000 books, the library has grown in size and stature, serving today as the informational and cultural center of the community; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1966, the Library's charter and legal name were formally changed to include "and Museum", reflecting the organization's commitment to collecting, preserving and sharing the community's local history; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, with nearly 50,000 print books, the Ellenville Public Library & Museum is proud to serve more than 20,000 patrons in the Ellenville School District as well as in the Towns of Wawarsing and Rochester; and

**WHEREAS,** Remaining true to its mission, the Ellenville Public Library & Museum provides resources, services and public programming of the highest possible quality to meet the ongoing informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of our broadly diverse community; and

**WHEREAS,** The Ellenville Public Library & Museum is committed to preserving the past while pursuing technological innovations with which to best serve the current and future needs of our patrons and visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of the Ellenville Public Library & Museum is in direct correlation to the efforts of Library Director Pam Stocking and its dedicated staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the library and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, Ellenville Public Library & Museum may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as

it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Ellenville Public Library & Museum on June 9, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pam Stocking, Library Director, Ellenville Public Library & Museum.