

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the Village
of Alden, 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 150th Anniversary of the Village of Alden, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Alden is situated on the eastern border of Erie County, north of the center, with Newstead on the north, Genesee County on the east, Manila on the south, and Lancaster on the west; the village is centrally located within the Town of Alden, and is part of the Buffalo-Niagara Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

WHEREAS, The early growth of the village was slow; Thomas Farnsworth built a tannery in 1822, half a mile to the north, and the first post office was established in 1823, from which date the location began to assume the character of a village; and

WHEREAS, On May 7, 1869, the Village of Alden was incorporated with G. F. Vandervoort, E. W. Hendee, D. C. Skeels, J. B. Pride and A. D. Farnsworth as its Trustees; a reincorporation was effected in 1891, during which time considerable street improvements were made; and

WHEREAS, In 1854, William C. Leonard and others interested in education built a large frame building and established a seminary; the Spring Creek Cheese Factory began operations in 1880 under the ownership of Benjamin Gifford, and the Alden Natural Gas Company was organized in 1892; and

WHEREAS, The Methodist Church at Alden village was organized on April 17, 1881, and the house of worship was erected in 1885; and

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

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

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Village of Alden's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited town 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 Alden, 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 Village of Alden.