

**BY:** M. of A. Palmesano

**COMMEMORATING** the 200th Anniversary of the Steuben  
County Fair to be held August 13-18, 2019

**WHEREAS,** Fairs and festivals empower communities to attract new visitors while capitalizing on local commercial and cultural value; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and support events of significance which contribute to the entertainment and vitality of the communities they serve and which exemplify the history and development of the State of New York; 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 Steuben County Fair to be held August 13-18, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** The First fair was held in 1795, which makes it the original fair in New York State; a second fair was held in 1796; the next fair was held in 1819, and has been held every year since; and

**WHEREAS,** The agricultural society was formed in 1841, and formally organized in 1854; and

**WHEREAS,** The fair leased the property in 1845 where the fair is currently held, and later purchased it in 1862; and

**WHEREAS,** The first buildings were also built in 1862, including The "Fair House" and the "Gate House"; both buildings are still in use today; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, the Steuben County Fair continues to serve as an extraordinary attraction, bringing thousands of people each year to see what it has to offer; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations that have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Steuben County Fair to be held August 13-18, 2019; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of the Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nick Pelham CVFM Secretary/Manager, Steuben County Agricultural Society.