

BY: Senator RITCHIE

COMMEMORATING the 220th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Lawrence County by the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished history of those counties 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 220th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Lawrence County by the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1802, just six years after the first intrepid American pioneers completed a long and dangerous journey across New York State to carve their homes from the rugged wilderness at the confluence of the St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie Rivers, over 150 citizens signed a petition asking the New York State Legislature to allow them to work together to create a County Government to bring law, order and the benefits of democratic self-rule to an area that stretches from modern-day Franklin County to modern-day Jefferson County, with its northern border along the St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS, Those hardy settlers risked their lives in the face of war, pestilence and privation as they worked together, fought together and stood together to build homes, farms and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Their efforts served as a beacon that attracted trailblazers from around the world whose families have built numerous bustling communities which, more than two centuries later, are home to more than 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Today, we remember the sacrifices made by those original pioneer families, whose efforts and contributions led to the formation of St. Lawrence County government, a system of self-government which continues to protect and serve the needs of its citizens 220 years later; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious milestone is a time for citizens across our great Empire State to recognize St. Lawrence County, a place that has played an important role in the history of the Empire State and whose employees and citizens deserve our thanks and appreciation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 220th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Lawrence County by the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to St. Lawrence County.