

**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.