

**BY:** Senator OBERACKER

**COMMEMORATING** the 225th Anniversary of the Town of  
Springfield, 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 225th Anniversary of the Town of Springfield in Otsego County, New York, to be celebrated on July 4, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1741, land patents were issued by the British Crown to 10 individuals in the region that would become Springfield, and by 1762, the first five families took up land in that area; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1797, the Town of Springfield was founded, and the first duly elected Town Board met to conduct the town business, maintain the roads and collect taxes; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the 1800s, with the building of the Great Western Turnpike, the Town of Springfield prospered, built churches and schools, and established farms, factories, and mills; and

**WHEREAS,** By the turn of the century, improved roads, and the introduction of steamboats on Lake Otsego allowed for the construction of Springfield's great houses, and further expanded employment and agriculture; and

**WHEREAS,** Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Springfield continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Springfield, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the communities of the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Springfield.