

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**COMMEMORATING** the 200th Anniversary of the Town of  
Erin

**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 200th Anniversary of the Town of Erin in Chemung County, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Erin was formed in 1822; the first settler was Basil Sperry in the Red Chalk area in 1815; his wife was the first death in Erin; and

**WHEREAS,** The town had several names before they decided on the name Erin; they were Rodbournville, Erin Centre, and Erin Go Braugh which means "Erin for Ever"; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Robinson was from Ireland and he was involved in numerous activities in Erin and became well-respected by all; the area reminded him of his homeland so the name Erin was chosen for the town; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Erin was a dense land of trees and settlers had to remove them and blaze trails through the wilderness to make room for their homesteads; and

**WHEREAS,** There were several small mills until Joseph Rodbourn built one in 1868 where the Erin Post Office is currently located; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1874, the railroad came through the Town of Erin; there were two stations, one where Erin Estates is now and the other was at Park Station; the last train came through Erin in 1938; and

**WHEREAS,** There were many churches in the Town of Erin including a Presbyterian Church, a Methodist/Protestant Church, a Baptist Church, and another Methodist Church which is still being used today; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Erin also had several cemeteries, schools, three hotels, and taverns; furthermore, the residents were doctors, cobblers, coopers, and chair makers; and

**WHEREAS,** Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Erin 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 200th Anniversary of the Town of Erin, 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 Erin.