

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 200th Anniversary of the  
Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse on June 8, 2025

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate the important milestones of historical places within the State of New York, and in doing so, help to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with present generations of citizens; 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 Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at an informative open house at the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse in Holland Patent, New York, on Sunday, June 8, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1825, the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse was constructed with stone from a quarry within walking distance from the school; and

**WHEREAS,** After its construction, the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse was designated as the District No. 6 schoolhouse, and the building functioned as a school until 1934, when the Holland Patent school system was centralized; and

**WHEREAS,** After the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse closed, it quickly suffered from considerable deterioration due to a lack of proper maintenance and care; and

**WHEREAS,** In the early 1990s, a group of local residents became concerned over the condition of the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse, and together they created the Wethersfield Historic Preservation Society; and

**WHEREAS,** With a desire to save this historic landmark, the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse was officially purchased by the Wethersfield Historic Preservation Society in 1996, which marked the beginning of a thorough restoration project funded by grants and donations; by 2005, the restoration project was complete; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2005, the same year the restoration project was completed, the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places--the Nation's official prestigious list of properties worth preservation; and

**WHEREAS,** The Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse is currently one of the oldest landmarks in Oneida County, and it is one of the oldest stone schoolhouses still standing in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the Wethersfield Stone

Schoolhouse, and for all the individuals who have worked to bring proper care and attention to a place which merits recognition in the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse, to be celebrated on June 8, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse.