

Senate Resolution No. 1842

**BY:** Senator HELMING

**COMMEMORATING** the 200th Anniversary of the Town of  
Marion, New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise 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 Marion, New York, to be celebrated throughout 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** The land which would become the Town of Marion was originally inhabited by the Seneca Nation, a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, whose presence long predated European settlement, and whose stewardship shaped the region's natural landscape; and

**WHEREAS,** Early settlement in Marion was marked by perseverance and industry, with historian Jefferson Sherman, Esq., aptly noting that its first settlers "were not men of war or bloodshed, but men of work," a sentiment which continues to define the character of the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Among the earliest settlers was Henry Lovell, the first known individual to establish a homestead in the area, followed by pioneering families, including the Powells, Sweezyes, and Joseph Caldwell, whose efforts laid the foundation for the town's growth and development; and

**WHEREAS,** The area which is now Marion was originally part of the Towns of Sodus and Williamson, and pursuant to an act of the New York State Legislature in 1826, was first established as the Town of Winchester before being renamed Marion on April 15, 1826, by Governor DeWitt Clinton; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Marion was named in honor of Revolutionary War General Francis Marion, known as the "Swamp Fox," whose resilience, resourcefulness, and unwavering commitment to the cause of American independence serve as an enduring symbol reflected in the spirit of the town's residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout its history, Marion has been shaped by strong agricultural roots, with fertile lands supporting generations of family farms, while churches, schools, and local institutions fostered a close-knit and values-driven community; and

**WHEREAS,** Over time, the Town of Marion has evolved to include a diverse array of industries and enterprises, including rail transportation, manufacturing, and small businesses, all of which have contributed to its economic vitality while maintaining its rural character; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, Marion remains a vibrant and resilient community, where residents live, work, and invest in the town, continuing a legacy of hard work, civic pride, and dedication to future generations; and

**WHEREAS,** As the Town of Marion celebrates 200 years of history, it honors not only its past but also the enduring spirit of a community built through commitment, perseverance, and shared purpose; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Marion, New York, recognizing its enduring contributions to the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Marion, New York, and the Marion Historic Association.