Assembly Resolution No. 1150

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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Elizabethtown Community Hospital and recognizing its enduring legacy of service to the residents of Essex County and the North Country

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those institutions whose longstanding commitment to public service has strengthened the health, well-being, and vitality of communities across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Elizabethtown Community Hospital, a cornerstone institution which has faithfully served the residents of Essex County and the greater North Country for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1921 as the Elizabethtown Community House by prominent local citizens, the institution was established to provide a safe place for women to give birth and to offer medical and surgical treatment for non-contagious diseases and injuries, reflecting a deep and enduring commitment to community health; and

WHEREAS, From its earliest days, the facility was sustained through grassroots community support, including fundraising efforts such as the Women's Exchange and Tea Room, exemplifying the spirit of local investment and shared responsibility that continues to define the institution; and

WHEREAS, In 1926, Elizabethtown Community House formally became Elizabethtown Community Hospital, a nonprofit voluntary hospital located in the historic Kellogg House on Court Street, marking the beginning of its evolution into a modern healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, Over the decades, Elizabethtown Community Hospital has demonstrated remarkable growth and adaptability, undertaking numerous expansion and modernization projects, including a 1930s expansion supported by the Campe Foundation, the opening of a new hospital facility at 75 Park Street in 1967 through broad-based public fundraising, and subsequent expansions in 1979, 1983, 2008, 2009, and 2018, all aimed at enhancing patient care and access; and

WHEREAS, A significant $9.1 million renovation completed in 2018 transformed the Ticonderoga campus into a state-of-the-art emergency and outpatient center, further extending high-quality care to underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to meeting the unique needs of rural populations, the hospital was designated a Rural Primary Care Hospital in 1996 and redesignated as a Critical Access Hospital in 1998, ensuring long-term sustainability and continued access to essential healthcare services for

residents of the North Country; and

WHEREAS, Elizabethtown Community Hospital has expanded its reach through the development and operation of multiple community-based health centers in Elizabethtown, Westport, Wilmington, Ausable Forks, Willsboro, Crown Point, and Ticonderoga, bringing care closer to the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, The hospital has consistently demonstrated clinical excellence and innovation, offering a wide range of services including emergency medicine, ambulatory surgery, dialysis, chemotherapy, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, infusion services, advanced imaging, telemedicine, and specialty care, thereby ensuring patients can receive comprehensive treatment close to home; and

WHEREAS, Its early adoption of telemedicine and oncology services as early as 2009 underscores its leadership in rural healthcare innovation and its commitment to expanding access to advanced medical care; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, Elizabethtown Community Hospital launched a New York State-accredited Paramedic Education Program, the first of its kind in the region, demonstrating leadership in workforce development and strengthening emergency medical services throughout Essex County; and

WHEREAS, The hospital's dedication to quality and patient experience has earned it repeated recognition from Press Ganey, including Guardian of Excellence Awards and a Top 5 percent national ranking for Emergency Department patient experience in 2025, as well as achieving Pathway to Excellence designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Through strategic affiliations, including its 1993 partnership with CVPH Medical Center and its integration into the University of Vermont Health Network, the hospital has enhanced regional collaboration, expanded access to specialty and academic care, and strengthened healthcare delivery across the region; and

WHEREAS, During times of crisis, including the COVID-19 pandemic, Elizabethtown Community Hospital has served as a trusted and indispensable partner, leading countywide testing and vaccination efforts while maintaining essential emergency and inpatient services under extraordinary circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 100-year history, Elizabethtown Community Hospital has remained a community-founded, community-supported institution, dedicated to rural access, innovation, and quality care, and has become a vital resource and trusted healthcare provider for generations of families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Elizabethtown Community Hospital, and to honor its century-long legacy of compassionate care, innovation, and unwavering service to the people of Essex County and the North Country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabethtown Community Hospital.