

## 2011-J801

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Hamburg, New York, in 2012

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize events of significance which exemplify the history and development of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Each and every city, town, village and hamlet within its borders proudly resonates with the rich and noble history of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate the anniversary of the founding of municipalities throughout the State, noting in turn their contributions to the fabric and progression 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 Hamburg, New York, in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Located on the shores of Lake Erie, 10 minutes south of the City of Buffalo, the Town of Hamburg, New York, has a population of over 56,000; it is a diverse manufacturing center containing, most notably, the Ford Motor Company's stamping plant; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Hamburg, New York, is a thriving commercial corridor and features a multitude of recreational opportunities, particularly along the town's over nine miles of shoreline on Lake Erie; the town is also internationally famous for its Devonian fossils and shale outcroppings along the bank of the Eighteen Mile Creek; and

WHEREAS, Boasting many architecturally unique buildings, the Town of Hamburg, New York, holds various community events throughout the year, including the famed Hamburg Burger Festival; and

WHEREAS, One of the largest county fairs in the United States is located in the Town of Hamburg, New York; the Erie County Fair came to Hamburg in 1868 and has continuously remained ever since; and

WHEREAS, The area now comprising the Town of Hamburg was first settled in the early 1800s when John Cummings became its first landowner and

built a grist mill in 1806; at the time, the area was referred to as

"Barkersville," after its Postmaster, Zenas Barker; and

WHEREAS, On March 20, 1812, the Town of Hamburg was officially created

by an act of the New York State Legislature; during the next fifty

years, the town became a thriving agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, Many ethnic groups were instrumental in the development of

the Town of Hamburg; the earliest settlers from New England and Germany

were responsible for the growth of many prosperous farms in the communi-

ty; and

WHEREAS, By 1850, the present borders of the Town of Hamburg were

created from its original boundaries; the Village of Hamburg was incor-

porated in 1874 and the Village of Blasdell in 1898; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the rich history and enduring contribution

of the Town of Hamburg to the heritage of the State of New York, it is

the intent of this Legislative Body to join in commemorating the 200th

Anniversary of the Town of Hamburg in 2012 so that present and future

generations may come to appreciate the unique significance which its

history plays in the progression of our State and Nation's evolution;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Hamburg, New York, in

2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to Steven J. Walters, Supervisor, Town of Hamburg, 6100 South

Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075.