

## 2011-J3309

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Galen, New York

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 Galen, New York, in Wayne County, New York; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this auspicious occasion numerous events have been planned beginning with a special postal cancellation conducted by James Darnell at the Clyde Post Office on South Park Street on Tuesday, February 14, 2012; Mr. Darnell moved his canceling operation across the street to the Brick Church Museum; at the museum, a reception was held which included a short talk describing life in Galen in 1812; another discussion, later that day, focused on life in 1912; and

WHEREAS, In addition, on Saturday, March 24, 2012, a bicentennial banquet will be held at the Bud Hinman Post No. 947 V.F.W. Hall; the program, entitled "Glimpses of Galen," will use the services of several presenters to provide insights into both family and community life during Galen's 200 years; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Galen, New York, was originally part of Military Township No. 27-Galen, given as compensation for services to the medical department of the American Revolution, and was reserved for physicians and surgeons of the New York regiments; and

WHEREAS, The first to settle in the Town of Galen was Laomi Beadle who, in 1800, built the first log house, planted the first orchard, and built the first sawmill; and

WHEREAS, Named after the celebrated physician, Claudius Galenus, the Town of Galen was organized by state law as a civil town on February 14, 1812; and

WHEREAS, On September 6, 1814, The Galen Union Library opened; that same year, a schoolhouse opened in Lock Berlin; and

WHEREAS, For a large part of the 19th Century, the Town of Galen was a major manufacturer of glass; and

WHEREAS, In 1828, William DeZeng and his brother-in-law James Rees founded the first glass factory in the village of Clyde; the company continued under several names and was incorporated as Clyde Glassworks in 1895; it closed in 1915 with the advent of machinery that replaced the glassblowers; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Galen was also the location of one of the four World War II prisoner of war camps in Wayne County; the camp in Clyde was located at the old high school building on the corner of Caroline and Lock Streets; 50 Italian prisoners of war lived there in 1943, and the following year, they were replaced by 116 Germans; the camp closed in 1946; and

WHEREAS, At close proximity to the Erie Canal and the railroad, the Town of Galen became a center of small industry; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Galen is home to Thomas Electric Corp and another major employer, Parker Hannifin, as well as many small to medium businesses, industries, and local farms; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Town of Galen is a rural community with a population of about 4,400, with many people living within the village of Clyde; Clyde was incorporated in 1858; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Galen, New York 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 Galen, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the community 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 Galen, New York.