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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Halfmoon, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, In accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the purpose of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Halfmoon, in Saratoga County, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1772, Albany County formed two districts, Halfmoon and Saratoga; this district organization lasted 16 years until March 7, 1788, when Halfmoon became one of the Original Four Saratoga County Towns along with Ball's Town, Saratoga and Stillwater; and

WHEREAS, On April 1, 1788, the new Town of Halfmoon had its first Town Meeting at the home of Cornelius C. Van Den Berg for the purpose of electing Town Officers; and

WHEREAS, In 1791 Saratoga County was formed from Albany County; and

WHEREAS, From 1816-1820 Halfmoon was briefly named Orange; in 1816, Waterford Township separated from Halfmoon; in 1828, Clifton Park Township separated from Halfmoon; and, in 1910, Mechanicville separated from Halfmoon; and

WHEREAS, One can only imagine the land size of Halfmoon before Waterford, Clifton Park, and Mechanicville separated from it; the Census of 1790 showed Halfmoon as having a population of 3,602 and 21,535 in the 2010 census, making Halfmoon one of the fastest growing towns in Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Halfmoon is fittingly very proud to have the original minutes which were taken at that first Town Meeting on April 1, 1788, 225 years ago; and

WHEREAS, The pages which contain these minutes are from one of the two earliest Minute Books the Town of Halfmoon has in its possession; these books survived the Great Fire in 1853 which destroyed most of the town's records; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Halfmoon is justly thrilled to have these books

available to share with its citizens today so they are able to take a glimpse back in its 225 year rich history; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of two centuries of growth and change, the Town of Halfmoon 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 225th Anniversary of the Town of Halfmoon, 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 Halfmoon, New York.