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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Western New York Tuscarora Indian Nation in recognition of its timely intervention in Lewiston, New York, during the War of 1812

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate significant events which represent turning points in our unique history and which are indelibly etched in the saga of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those historic sites within the State of New York which serve as lasting reminders of our rich and unique past; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Western New York Tuscarora Indian Nation in recognition of its timely intervention in Lewiston, New York, during the War of 1812; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, December 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, During the War of 1812, British forces, supported by allies, attacked Lewiston, New York, in retaliation for American troop actions in Canada; and

WHEREAS, The British attack on Lewiston turned into a rampaging massacre and the burning of the town; and

WHEREAS, As Lewiston villagers, some in bare feet and pajamas, fled through mud and snow from the British invading troops, two dozen Tuscarora men ran from their nearby hillside village, firing muskets and screaming a war whoop; and

WHEREAS, The courageous and timely intervention by the Tuscarora Indian Nation bought time for many of the villagers to reach safety, and saved the lives of many men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2013, the 200th anniversary of the burning of Lewiston, the Tuscarora Heroes project of the Lewiston Historical Asso-

ciation will dedicate a monument in honor of the heroism and bravery of the Tuscarora Indian Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when events of such historic significance are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Western New York Tuscarora Indian Nation in recognition of its timely intervention in Lewiston, New York, during the War of 1812; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Western New York Tuscarora Indian Nation.