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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the City of Saratoga Springs

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the cities, towns and villages 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 100th Anniversary of the City of Saratoga Springs, to be observed at its Centennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, The Honorary Chairs of this year's auspicious milestone are Marylou Whitney and John Hendrickson, both of whom portray an enthusiasm for this beautiful city; and

WHEREAS, The official seal adopted by the City of Saratoga Springs, depicts a Mohawk family at High Rock Spring, and is based on an illustration which pays homage to High Rock, and the Native Americans who, in 1771, brought Sir William Johnson to the "great medicine spring"; and WHEREAS, In the 1770s, several pioneers attempted settlement in the High Rock Area, and in 1783, General Philip Schuyler cut a path through the wilderness, from his home in Old Saratoga, to the High Rock Spring, and built a cabin; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, that same year, while on a northern tour, General George Washington traveled to the High Rock Spring with his party, and drank the waters before continuing their journey southward; and

WHEREAS, This great wealth of mineral waters led to Saratoga Springs, New York, being renowned as "the Queen of the Spas"; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Saratoga Springs was set apart from the Town of Saratoga in 1819, and seven years later, it was incorporated as a village; and

WHEREAS, A true staple of this illustrious city, Saratoga Race Course was opened in 1863, and moved to its current location the following year; this thoroughbred track continues to attract thousands of fans, young and old, to its gracious venue; and

WHEREAS, In 1915, the Village and Town of Saratoga Springs were incorporated to form the City of Saratoga Springs; and

WHEREAS, Today, the City of Saratoga Springs is more than 28 square miles and has a year-round population of approximately 28,000; due to its rich heritage as a health resort and gambling center, the city's population swells to more than 84,000 during the summer season; and

WHEREAS, The City of Saratoga Springs has been the recipient of countless awards and accolades some of which include the Great American Main Street Award, Great American Places Award, and Dozen Distinctive Destinations Award; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the city was federally designated as a "Preserve America Community"; in addition, Saratoga Springs is home to more than 1,000 beautiful residences on the National Historic Register; and

WHEREAS, Of historic origin, and remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the City of Saratoga Springs continues to provide the quintessential quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the City of Saratoga Springs have a bright outlook for the future of their community, which remains a beautiful place in which to work, live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the City of Saratoga Springs' rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited city upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the City of Saratoga Springs, and to enthusiastically salute its residents as they celebrate this auspi-

cious occasion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the City of Saratoga Springs.