

## 2015-J2857

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Town of Webster to be celebrated throughout the year of 2015 by the Town of Webster

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 175th Anniversary of the Town of Webster, Monroe County, New York, and where many activities have been planned to take place throughout the year to celebrate this milestone; and

WHEREAS, The site of present-day Webster, New York, was first discovered in 1669, by French explorer LaSalle who entered Irondequoit Bay, the land of the Seneca Indians, to explore Lake Ontario and look for inland waterways; and

WHEREAS, On July 25, 1837, Daniel Webster spoke to a large gathering at the courthouse in Rochester, New York, concerning currency regulation and the state of the economy; the farmers from North Penfield, who were part of his audience that day, were so impressed by his eloquence that, when they petitioned the state legislature for separate town status from Penfield, they chose to name it in his honor; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 1840, Governor William Seward announced the birth of Webster, New York; originally part of North Penfield, land was split off to create the new town, and over 2,000 residents became a part of the Town of Webster; and

WHEREAS, The first town meeting was held at John Lett's tavern, south of the present village; attendees discussed town needs and elected officials necessary to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1900s, citizens feeling the need for better fire protection, sanitation facilities, lighting, water, and other improvements proposed that a separate village be incorporated within the town; on March 27, 1905, a referendum was approved by a 27-vote margin, resulting in the incorporation of the Village of Webster; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of Supervisor Ronald W. Nesbitt, citizens interested in the history of Webster make up the Webster Museum and Historical Society; volunteers from this organization staff the Webster Museum, which is located in the Village of Webster; and

WHEREAS, The Webster Museum is comprised of several permanent historical displays as well as changing feature displays at different times of the year; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Webster 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 175th Anniversary of the Town of Webster, 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 Ronald W. Nesbitt, Supervisor, Town of Webster.