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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Wellsville Water Treatment Plant

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those organizations that enhance the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State, and are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those groups and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize those organizations within the State of New York, who, by achieving outstanding success in their service to residents, have inspired and brought pride to their communities; 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 Wellsville Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, In 1883, a private firm known as the Wellsville Water Company was incorporated; the Village of Wellsville purchased water from the company until late 1915; and

WHEREAS, On September 1, 1915, members of the Village Board decided to purchase the company for \$75,000; voters overwhelmingly approved the purchase; and

WHEREAS, A slow-sand filtration system was built at the top of the Lee Place at a cost of \$75,000, and a new intake dam and chamber was built using two-inch thick pine planks; a three million gallon reservoir was built as part of the filtration system; and

WHEREAS, Village voters in 1921 approved funding for a new plant, which was subsequently built on the site across from the high school and operated until 1990; the plant treated approximately 25 billion gallons of water with the average daily consumption beginning around 461,000

gallons in 1922, and rising as high as one million gallons by 1990; and WHEREAS, Construction on the modern plant, which was set next to the old plant on State Street, was begun in June of 1989; the treatment plant has a 500,000 gallon clearwell which provides the village nearly nine million gallons of storage when combined with the existing reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, After a serious erosion was discovered, the New York State DEC built a new intake pump station and transmission line upstream from the refinery; the new intake station was turned over to the Village of Wellsville in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Genesee River has served as the village's water source; the river, which originates just 180 miles to the south and flows northward, has been cited as one of the prominent reasons for the water's popularity; and

WHEREAS, The Wellsville Water Treatment Plant has won numerous "best tasting" awards at the county and state level; among the most prestigious of awards includes the New York Rural Water Association's "Operation of the Year," won in 2001; the New York Rural Water Association's "System of the Year," won in 2005; and the National Rural Water Association's Environmental Cleanup Project Award, won in 2006; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those organizations that have achieved notable success in their service to the residents and communities of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Wellsville Water Treatment Plant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Wellsville Water Treatment Plant.