

## 2015-J3983

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Fort Stanwix National Monument

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; these institutions give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York and profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Fort Stanwix National Monument in conjunction with the National Park Service's 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Fort Stanwix National Monument is an archeological site and battlefield which includes remnants of the original Fort Stanwix, a historically significant fortress, famous for the strategic roles it played during the French and Indian War and the American Revolution, as well as for the various treaties negotiated within its walls; and

WHEREAS, Known as "the fort that never surrendered," Fort Stanwix, successfully repelled a prolonged siege, in August 1777, by British, German, Loyalist, Canadian, and Native American troops and warriors; troops from Fort Stanwix also participated in the 1779 Clinton-Sullivan Campaign and protected America's northwest frontier from British attacks; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, a partial reconstruction of Fort Stanwix was completed to memorialize its proud history and allow visitors to engage with numerous representations of 18th century life and conditions; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of both its 40th anniversary and the National Park Service's 100th birthday, the Fort Stanwix National Monument will

partner with New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, Fort McHenry National Monument and Shrine, and parks from across New York State to put a National Park spin on this year's celebratory parade; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Fort Stanwix National Monument will host the telling of 40 stories about its distinguished history; there will also be collaborations with the Rome Historical Society, a "Throwback Thursday" movie night event, and a showcase featuring performances, crafts, and a fashion show of international dress presented by refugee and immigrant artists representing several countries; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Fort Stanwix National Monument will offer an art exhibit in the Rome public schools, as well as a puzzle-based adventure called Operation Sabotage Stanwix; and

WHEREAS, Under the illustrious guidance of Superintendent Frank Barrows, the Fort Stanwix National Monument has experienced a dramatic growth in attendance, and looks to further educate and enlighten citizens of the Empire State by offering more exceptional programs and events in the future; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Fort Stanwix National Monument is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body that when historical sites of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Fort Stanwix National Monument; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Frank Barrows, Superintendent, Fort Stanwix National Monument.