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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Clarkstown

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 225th Anniversary of the Town of Clarkstown, in Rockland County, New York; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 1791, the Town of Clarkstown, New York, was created by an act of the New York State Legislature during George Washington's first term as President of the United States; since Rockland County was not created until 1798, Clarkstown was first designated a Town in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, In 1791, less than 2,000 people lived in Clarkstown; by 1950, the Town's population had grown to over 15,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, After the building of the Tappen Zee Bridge in 1955, the Palisades Interstate Parkway, and the Garden State Parkway extension, Clarkstown rapidly grew in population during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, After the 2010 Census was conducted, it was found that Clarkstown's population had grown to nearly 85,000 citizens, ranking it the 15th most populous of 932 towns in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Located 25 miles from midtown Manhattan, and New City, New York, the Town of Clarkstown serves as the seat of both town government and Rockland County government; the Town encompasses approximately 41 square miles and includes the hamlets of Bardonia, Central Nyack, Congers, Nanuet, New City, Rockland Lake, Valley Cottage, West Nyack,

all of the Village of Upper Nyack, and portions of the Villages of Nyack and Spring Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Clarkstown encompasses almost 300 miles of roads, which are maintained by the Town's Highway Department, and an extensive park system that continues to expand as the Town acquires additional lands under the Open Space program; and

WHEREAS, Financially sound, the Town of Clarkstown was assessed at over \$14.5 billion in assets, and earned an AA financial rating by STANDARD AND POOR'S and an AAA rating by MOODY'S; and

WHEREAS, Named the fifth-safest place to live among 300 communities with populations topping 75,000 people by MORGAN QUITNO PRESS, the Town of Clarkstown is serviced by its own 160 member police department which covers the entire Town with the exception of the Spring Valley portion; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, the Town of Clarkstown is home to four outstanding libraries, seven dedicated fire departments, and five committed ambulance corps; and

WHEREAS, There are several historical sites located in the Town of Clarkstown such as the Blauvelt House, Henry Varnum Poor House, Peter DePew House, and the Terneur Hutton Home which help bring tourists to the area; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Town of Clarkstown has become both a State and National leader in green energy initiatives; in 2008, the Town became one of 600 municipalities nationwide to sign the United States Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to seven percent below the 1990 levels by 2012; in the Town of West Nyack, the region was the first in the state to place a solar field atop a capped landfill; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Clarkstown 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 225th Anniversary of the Town of Clarkstown, 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 the Town of Clarkstown.