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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the First Annual Noah Webster Weekend in the Village of Goshen on May 6-7, 2016

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 First Annual Noah Webster Weekend in the Village of Goshen, from Friday, May 6, 2016 through Saturday, May 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The First Annual Noah Webster Weekend is a time for celebrating and strengthening the sense of identity and pride in the contributions of Noah Webster who compiled America's first dictionary and established the American educational system; and

WHEREAS, Noah Webster lived in the Village of Goshen in the 1780s, and taught school from 1783 through 1784 in the Farmers' Hall Academy, a two-story brick structure in the building which currently serves as the Goshen Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, Village of Goshen resident, Sal LaBruna, formed a committee to plan Noah Webster Weekend which will be a celebration of literature, local history, and Noah Webster's life and achievements; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event will kick off with a joint Literary Art Walk co-hosted by the Goshen Art League; art and book lovers can travel to downtown Goshen to meet local artists and authors, and purchase signed copies of their books; in addition, visitors can view artwork and photography displays, and attend poetry readings; and

WHEREAS, During the second day of the event, there will be a spelling bee hosted by Literacy Orange; the spelling bee will take place in the grandstands of the Historic Track in Goshen, the perfect setting for a

celebration of its heritage; and

WHEREAS, Noah Webster Weekend will also include various historic lectures and speeches culminating with headline author Joshua Kendall, author of THE FORGOTTEN FOUNDING FATHER: NOAH WEBSTER'S OBSESSION AND THE CREATION OF AN AMERICAN CULTURE which is considered to be the best available biography of Noah Webster; and

WHEREAS, The weekend will conclude with a Noah Webster themed play by Cornerstone Theater Arts; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and commemorate milestones in the history of communities, both large and small, in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Village of Goshen's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited town upon the occasion of its First Annual Noah Webster Weekend; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the First Annual Noah Webster Weekend in the Village of Goshen, on May 6-7, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sal LaBruna.