

TOWN OF ENFIELD 2021 BICENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Town of Enfield stands on the traditional land of the Gayogohó:nq, known as the Cayuga Nation, members of the Haudenosaunee Confederation, also known as The People of the Long House, and we recognize them as custodians and

Whereas, on March 16, 1821, the Town of Enfield consisting of a population of 1304 people, was founded and incorporated by subdividing approximately 6 square miles from thirty-six lots of the southern portion of Military Township Lot no. 22, of the Town of Ulysses, and

Whereas, the first Town meeting was held at the home of John Applegate, and

Whereas, the Town of Enfield spreads across a valley, dotted with rolling hills, ponds, streams, woodlands and open fields and,

Whereas, Enfield's first official highway was an extension of the 1804 Jericho Turnpike, constructed in 1825, and

Whereas, in 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Civilian Conservation Camp (CCC). Camp SP-6 used the Park as their home. Over 100 young men lived at the camp until 1941, and

Whereas, agriculture has been a way of life for many residents and by 1865, 80% of the Town's land was used for farming. Enfield agriculture is currently experiencing a period of resurgence. Many of the established farmers are expanding their operations

Whereas, the Town of Enfield is home to a State Park known as Robert H. Treman State Park, containing Lucifer Falls, Enfield Falls and a grist mill constructed in 1838, and

Whereas, the Enfield Valley Grange, #295 was organized in February 1875 and is currently still operating and

Whereas, Enfield has had 14 public one and two room schools within its borders, but now it has just one, the Ithaca City School District Elementary School built in 1959. Residents' children also attend the Central Districts of Trumansburg, Odessa and Newfield schools and,

Whereas, the Town supported 5 churches during its first 25 years of existence, the First Baptist Church, 1817; The Christian Church of Enfield, 1821. The Presbyterian Church, 1832. The Methodist Episcopal Church, 1835. The Methodist Episcopal Church at Kennedy's Corners, 1844. the Living Water Church 2001. The Agape Church, 1980 and is still active in the Town.

Whereas, there have been 4 post offices in the Town, the first being established on December 29, 1822 at the Applegate Tavern. The West Enfield, 1832 the Enfield Centre, 1846 and the Enfield Falls, 1882 and all are now discontinued, and

Whereas, The Enfield Volunteer Fire Company was formed in January of 1948 to protect residents' property and The Ladies' Fire Auxiliary was organized in 1953, to support the Fire Department's activities, and

Whereas, the Enfield Community Council was founded in 1976 to provide youth

programming for children and youth of the Town and to operate civic, social, recreational, educational and cultural programs, classes, projects and activities for the betterment of the Town, and is currently in support of a new Community Building in 2021, and

Whereas, Enfield Town Government went from meeting in homes and hotels to its first town hall in 1921 to a new town hall and town highway garage in 1966 to include a community building using the original fire house built in 1949 now used as the Town Court, meeting facility and Food Pantry and a new Highway Building built in 2012 and,

Whereas, the goals of the Town's Bicentennial Committee include celebrating our history, encouraging Town resident's to learn more about and take pride in in our Town, and

Whereas, we have planned initiatives during 2021 to celebrate our Bicentennial, now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board approves this 2021 Bicentennial Proclamation and, hereby invites all residents and visitors to join us in celebrating.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Vote: Ayes -