SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Amherst, New York

WHEREAS, The Town of Amherst, New York celebrates its Bicentennial in the year of 2018 and it is fitting to recognize the Town of Amherst on the occasion of this special milestone and to applaud its distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Amherst was officially created on April 10, 1819 from part of the town of Buffalo (later known as the city of Buffalo), has a total area of 53.28 square miles, is the largest Town in Erie County, New York and includes the Village of Williamsville as well as the hamlets of Eggertsville, Getzville, Snyder, Swormville and East Amherst; and

WHEREAS, In the nineteenth century Amherst was a prosperous farming community with seven grist mills, several saw mills, a tannery and boot and shoe factory and two forges with commercial activity centered in Williamsville; and

WHEREAS, The Town grew from being primarily a farming community to an urban community in the twentieth century with the creation of new subdivisions, the building of the University of Buffalo Campus in Amherst and the location of the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital within the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town today is comprised of 125,000 residents and provides many facilities and attractions including: a four rink recreational facility that attracts national and international ice tournaments, a state of the art senior center, three libraries, and a State Park; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Amherst will proudly mark its 200th Anniversary with a series of celebrations throughout its Bicentennial Year, beginning on January 1, 2018 with a 200th Birthday Party, and continuing with a gigantic Parade, historic walking tours, slogan contest, Interclub Service Club Luncheon and gala Bicentennial Ball; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Town of Amherst's rich history and enduring contributions, it is indeed an honor to pay tribute to this Town upon the occasion of its Bicentennial; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That congratulations are sent to the Town of Amherst on their Bicentennial and the Town and its residents are to be enthusiastically recognized as they celebrate this auspicious occasion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Amherst Bicentennial Commission.