

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 25TH, 2012 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 25th day of October, 2012 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Pioneer Cemetery was founded in 1810 in the Town of Evans on North Main Street; and

WHEREAS, Pioneer Cemetery, also known as Evans Center Cemetery, is the burial ground for many of Evans early settlers and generations of families, including the famous sculptor Asa Ames; and

WHEREAS, Pioneer Cemetery's first burial was a young boy, Sawyer Barrell, and several members of his family are also interred in the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Pioneer Cemetery's final burial took place in 1928, 118 years after the first burial, when Loren Avery was laid to rest; and

WHEREAS, Pioneer Cemetery is the final resting place for brave soldiers who gave their lives fighting in the Revolutionary War and Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Pioneer Cemetery recently underwent a major restoration under the direction of Joe Pisarski to repair monuments and improve the cemetery grounds; and

WHEREAS, Pioneer Cemetery is an important landmark in the Town of Evans and sacred to the many families with loved ones buried there; and

WHEREAS, Pioneer Cemetery was appropriately registered as a National and State Historic Site in 2012; a designation that will forever preserve its significance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to commemorate the registration of the Pioneer Cemetery in the Town of Evans as a National and State Historic Site and to acknowledge the importance of preserving our history.

John J. Mills
Erie County Legislator – 11th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County