

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 12, 2018, 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 12th day of April, 2018 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, the Towns of Aurora, Holland, and Wales celebrate their Bicentennial in 2018 and it is fitting to celebrate the Towns of Aurora, Holland, and Wales on this monumental occasion and applaud their distinguished history; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 1818, New York State adopted legislation creating the Towns of Aurora, Holland, and Wales from the Town of Willink, effective March 1, of the following year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Aurora was founded as a government in 1818, just a few years before some of Aurora's most famous residents came to town including, Millard Fillmore, who later became the President of the United States, and Elbert Hubbard, who founded the Roycroft Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holland was founded in 1807 by travelers from Vermont who settled in the beautiful valley, but began to grow and prosper in 1816 with the coming of the grist and saw mills, blacksmith shops, and other businesses which made the town a center for economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Wales was first settled in 1804 by descendants of Revolutionary War hero, Ethan Allen, who were willing to brave the wilderness to establish an agriculture and dairying community, named for its hills and green fields, which resemble the Wales in Britain; and

**WHEREAS**, a county is only as great as those towns which it encompasses, the Towns of Aurora, Holland, and Wales serve as an essential part Erie County, making it an honor to pay tribute to these towns on their Bicentennial.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to send congratulations to the Towns of Aurora, Holland, and Wales on their Bicentennial and celebrate the residents that make up these remarkable towns on such an auspicious occasion.

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**Joseph C. Lorigo**  
**Erie County Legislator – 10<sup>th</sup> District**

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**Robert M. Graber**  
**Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County**