

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE HUDSON-FULTON-
CHAMPLAIN QUADRICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND REQUEST
OF DESIGNATION AS AN EXPLORE NY 400 COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the New York State Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commission was established under Chapter 590 of the Laws of 2002, to plan, develop, and coordinate the 400th anniversary, in 2009, of the voyages of exploration made by Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain as well as the 200th anniversary of Robert Fulton's steamship voyage up the Hudson River; and

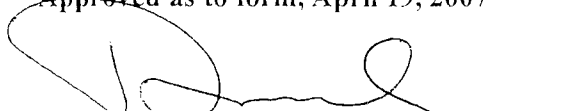
WHEREAS, these historic voyages of exploration in 1609 would change the world forever and lead to the European settlement of the New World and the innovation of steam travel and commerce in 1807, establishing the Hudson River and Lake Champlain as a corridor of trade, communication, politics and ideas, and that further, this vital north-south corridor of water created other water links such as the Champlain and Erie Canals, which provided opportunities inland and encourage the westward movement through these water routes; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Federal governments recognize the voyages of exploration and invention to be of historical importance and significance to New York State and the nation and recognize the tradition to observe these contributions made by Hudson, Fulton, and Champlain, by commemorating these events in 2009; and

WHEREAS, as an Explore NY 400 Community, the community may use the Explore NY 400 logo, link to the Explore NY 400 website, and may be eligible for either state or federal grant money to assist in Quadricentennial planning, events, and legacy projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Troy supports the mission of the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commission, and requests designation as an Explore NY 400 Community, and will be an active partner by establishing an Explore NY 400 Committee, and will cooperate to its fullest with the Commission in making the 400th anniversary a successful historic New York State event.

Approved as to form, April 19, 2007



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