

**Supporting The Mission Of The Hudson-Fulton-Champlain
Quadricentennial Commission And Requesting Designation As An
Explore NY 400 Community**

The Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee (Chairman Zimet and Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Sheeley, Cummings, Harris and Terrizzi) offers the following:

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 other state or federal assistance in Quadricentennial planning, events and legacy projects, and

WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature on behalf of the County of Ulster named below 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 collaborate with the state efforts in making the 400th anniversary a successful historic New York State event, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Hudson-Fulton, Champlain Quadricentennial Commission,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator R.A. Parete)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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