

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY 2 – JULY 11 “CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM DAYS” IN TOWN OF ULYSSES, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, Delegates to the Second Continental Congress from 12 colonies voted to dissolve political bands with Great Britain on JULY 2, 1776, with New York delegates abstaining, and

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WHEREAS, the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE was printed overnight with two names, John Hancock, president of Congress, and Chas. Thomson, secretary, by Printer to Congress John Dunlap and ready for sending on JULY 5 and 6, 1776, and

WHEREAS, General in Chief George Washington received the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and ordered it read to Continental Army brigades in New York City on JULY 9, 1776, and

WHEREAS, the New York Provincial Assembly unanimously approved the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE on JULY 9, 1776 and ordered it published “with Beat of Drum” in Westchester County on JULY 11, 1776 and dispersed to other counties, and

WHEREAS, John Adams, delegate from Massachusetts Bay Colony and one of the Committee of Five who drafted the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE wrote to his wife Abigail on JULY 3, 1776 that

“The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America.—I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”, and

WHEREAS, 28 Revolutionary War veterans settled in Town of Ulysses including Burgoon and Roliph Updike, Isaac Selover, Timothy Redin, John Archer, John Van Campen, Francis Mandeville, Melekiah Labar, Jabez Hamner, Jonathan Hildreth, Lemuel Beckwith, Ira Smith, David King, and founders of Jacksonville, Jephtha Lee, and Trumansburg, Abner Treman, and

WHEREAS, Chief Taughannock chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in Trumansburg in 1921 to preserve, teach and honor the patriotism of revolutionary forebears, donated American chestnut trees in 2023 to honor the 250th of the nation’s birth,

NOW THEREFORE, TOWN OF ULYSSES BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLVES, JULY 2 – JULY 11, 2026 are designated “CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM DAYS” in the Town of Ulysses,

And residents of the Town of Ulysses are encouraged to celebrate with readings of the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, and other acts of commemoration in accordance with conscience, belief, and applicable law.