

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 670 OF 2015

Resolution introduced by Chairman Geraghty

**COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE GLENS FALLS-QUEENSBURY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Warren County recognizes the pivotal role that Warren County has played and continues to play in the history of our region and our state, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the important work done by the Glens Falls-Queensbury Historical Association, Inc. in the preservation of the heritage of our County and this region, and in furthering among our citizens an understanding of and appreciation for that heritage, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of that work, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Glens Falls-Queensbury Historical Association, Inc. stands prominently among our State's historical associations since its founding and chartering in that year by the University of the State of New York as the "Glens Falls Historical Association", incorporated as a not-for-profit for these purposes, namely:

- a. To promote and encourage historical research;
- b. To gather and disseminate information concerning the early history of Warren County and neighboring counties;
- c. To gather and preserve books, manuscripts and relics relating to the early history of Warren County and neighboring counties and to acquire real property for such purposes and other purposes of the corporation;
- d. To mark suitable places with monuments and markers;
- e. To acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise the title to, or custody and control of historical spots and places; and

WHEREAS, Ralph M. Lapham, Francis L. Bayle, Marion B. Davies, Wallace L. Scott and John D.

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Austin, Jr., acting on behalf of their associates, did incorporate the Glens Falls Historical Association, Inc. (hereafter also “the Association”), and did become its first Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the Association did seek real property to serve as a headquarters, an educational center, and a museum to be the repository for currently owned and future procurement of books, manuscripts and relics relating to the early history of Warren County and neighboring counties, and

WHEREAS, the Association was offered by Juliet Goodman Chapman, and did accept for the above purposes, lifetime use of her former home on 348 Glen Street, Glens Falls, to be the Glens Falls Historical Association museum, a building which is also an historical site, as it was in the 19th century home of Zopher I. and Catherine DeLong, and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the Trustees of the Association were granted permission by the University of the State of New York to rename the Association as the “Glens Falls-Queensbury Historical Association, Inc.” to reflect the indelible and inseparable origins of both the City of Glens Falls and the Town of Queensbury in the granting of the Queensbury Patent in 1762, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Association did rename the museum “The Chapman Historical Museum” in honor of Juliet Goodman Chapman, while fully and equally perpetuating the building’s name as “The DeLong House” to recognize its value as a historical site, being the 19th century home of Zopher I. and Catherine DeLong, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Association did collect, and have continued to collect, and to store within the Chapman Historical Museum artifacts of all nature relating to the history of Warren County and neighboring counties; many of which artifacts are rare and some of which are unique, thereby building a collection of priceless historical value not only to Warren County and neighboring counties, but also to New York State and the United States of America; among those collections including:

- a. The Seneca Ray Stoddard Collection, comprising thousands of photographs,

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documents, sketches, oil paintings and other artifacts of the 19th century pioneer Luminist photographer and artist Seneca Ray Stoddard, recognized as a peer of such notable American artists as Matthew Brady, Carlton Watkins, Timothy O'Sullivan, and other photographic greats, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the above fulfillment of the purposes of its being incorporated and chartered, the Association has continually published numerous books, pamphlets and related educational materials on the history of the region; has also continually sponsored educational programs at the museum, in area schools and colleges, and at other venues; and has led the way in historic preservation and in placing historical sites and historical districts on the New York State Trust for Historic Places and the National Trust fo Historic Places in order to preserve them for posterity, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Warren County pause in its deliberations and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Glens Falls-Queensbury Historical Association, Inc., and extend the best wishes of the people of Warren County upon that memorable occasion, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jane R. Reid, President, the Glens Falls-Queensbury Historical Association, Inc.