

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY PROPERTY AS THE
COLONEL ALBERT PAWLING MEMORIAL PARK**

WHEREAS, Col. Albert Pawling is a third generation Pawling and a descendant of his great great grandfather, Hendricks (Henry) Pawling, who came to America in 1664; and

WHEREAS, Col. Pawling was born on April 22nd, 1750 in Marbletown, NY to parents Col. Levi Pawling and Magdalena Burhans; and

WHEREAS, in 1775, he joined the Revolutionary Army and fought British soldiers in New York; in 1779, he was aide-de-camp on the staff of General George Washington, and also received a personal commendation of valor from the general; and

WHEREAS, in 1789, Col. Pawling, moved to the nascent town of Troy, NY and formed a merchandising business with Col. Abraham Ten Eyck; and

WHEREAS, Col. Pawling helped the community grow by bringing the county seat to Troy, and by spearheading fundraising efforts for the First Presbyterian Church, the first Rensselaer County Court House and Jail, and the Troy-Schenectady Road, which increased western trade to Troy; and

WHEREAS, in 1793, Col. Pawling was appointed the first high sheriff of Rensselaer County, and, in the following years, served several terms as village trustee of Troy and three terms as village president of Troy; and

WHEREAS, on April 12th 1816, under Col. Pawling's leadership, the State approved the village of Troy to be incorporated into a City; and

WHEREAS, Col. Pawling was appointed Troy's first mayor on April 15th, 1816 by Gov. Daniel D. Tompkins, served as mayor for four years, and declined reappointment from Gov. Dewitt Clinton in 1820; and

WHEREAS, Col. Pawling served as a prominent adviser to the next generation of Trojans and lived to eighty-eight years old; upon his death, on November 11th 1837, the city mourned the loss of this pioneer, who is buried in Old Mount Ida Cemetery off the street that bears his name; and

WHEREAS, a statue will be erected at the intersection of Congress Street and Pawling Ave. on City property, to commemorate Col. Albert Pawling's contributions to the United States of America, the County of Rensselaer, and the City of Troy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy hereby designates the City property located at the intersection of Congress Street and Pawling Avenue with a tax map number 101.79-4-17.2 as the Col. Albert Pawling Memorial Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Troy will create an easement contract with the Old Mount Ida Community Baptist Church at 560 Congress Street, to include their property which is adjacent to the City's property, as the Col. Albert Pawling Memorial Park for the use of the general public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Troy will donate flagstones, cobble stones, and/or bricks to assist with the beautification of the Col. Albert Pawling Memorial Statue Park.

Approved as to form, June 19, 2014

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