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SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ASK CONGRESS, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO RENAME THE SARATOGA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK TO THE SARATOGA NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

BALLSTON SPA, NY – The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors at its June 18, 2024, meeting passed a resolution requesting Congress and the National Park Service to rename the Saratoga National Historical Park to the Saratoga National Battlefield Park.

The Saratoga National Historic Park commemorates the Battles of Saratoga, which were pivotal in securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. The park was originally named Saratoga Battlefield Park when it was designated a historical site in the Towns of Saratoga and Stillwater. The name remained the same when it was designated a New York State historical site in 1927. When it became a national park in 1938, the word battlefield was dropped from its name.

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman Phil Barrett (Clifton Park) said, “Saratoga County is home of hallowed ground marking the Turning Point of the American Revolution and we are thankful to the National Park Service for their longstanding relationship with Saratoga County. We request the National Historical Park return to its original name, which distinguishes the park as a historical battlefield and provides a unique identifier to clearly inform tourists of the significance of the park to American independence.”

The request is being made as Saratoga County commemorates the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga. Saratoga: America’s Turning Point is the county’s multi-year initiative to celebrate the Turning Point of the American Revolution through promotion of heritage tourism, preservation of historical sites, and education of the historical significance of these battles had in our country’s founding. The 250th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga is in 2027.

Saratoga County Resolution 167 of 2024 states the change would more accurately reflect the historical significance of the site, emphasize the crucial military engagements that took place, and enhance the public understanding and appreciation of its historical importance.

The resolution was passed unanimously, and a copy will be sent to the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the National Park Service, and the members of the United States Congress representing the County of Saratoga.

To read the resolution or view the Board Meeting webcast, visit www.saratogacountyny.gov.

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