

NEW YORK STATE  
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**HONORING COLGATE UNIVERSITY  
UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL**

- WHEREAS**, A great state is only as great as those organizations and individuals that perform exemplary service on behalf of their community; and
- WHEREAS**, Individuals and organizations who give of their time and energies and serve in the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and
- WHEREAS**, Attendant to such concern, I, New York State Senator David J. Valesky, hereby honor Colgate University upon the occasion of its Bicentennial; and
- WHEREAS**, Colgate University is a distinctive leader among American liberal arts universities; it is larger than most of its peers, and its scale allows it to compete at the highest levels — in academic programs, sponsored research, the arts, and Division I athletics; and
- WHEREAS**, Colgate's mission is to develop thinkers who value intellectual rigor and are capable of challenging themselves and others with vigor and reason; and
- WHEREAS**, The Colgate community is home to 2,978 undergraduate students, two hundred eighty-three being international students; and
- WHEREAS**, The university offers fifty-six majors; outside the classroom, students are actively involved in faculty research projects and independent study; and
- WHEREAS**, Building on its tradition of international engagement, Colgate is ranked first by the Institute of International Education in percentage of students participating in mid-length off-campus study programs; and
- WHEREAS**, During the summer of 2017 alone, the university provided more than \$650,000 in support of students seeking unpaid or underpaid internships, ensuring that financial need was not a barrier to career exploration; and
- WHEREAS**, During its bicentennial year, Colgate will open Benton Hall, home to career services initiatives, entrepreneurship programs, fellowships, and scholars programs; and
- WHEREAS**, Its campus, already renowned for its beauty, will be even more picturesque in the decades ahead, thanks to the planting of two hundred native trees across the hill in honor of the university's bicentennial; and
- WHEREAS**, President Brian W. Casey has committed the institution to building and maintaining a top-tier faculty, supporting their scholarship and teaching; he has recognized the need to ensure that the Colgate experience is available to students of great achievement and potential, regardless of financial need; and
- WHEREAS**, It is the sense of this legislative body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it
- PROCLAIMED**, That I, New York State Senator David J. Valesky, recognize that in Colgate University we have an organization worthy of our highest respect and esteem; and be it further
- PROCLAIMED**, That a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to Colgate University.

Dated:

September 2018

in Witness Whereof, I have Hereunto Set My Hand and Signature

**David J. Valesky**

New York State Senator

53<sup>rd</sup> Senate District

