

# County of Columbia

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbia hereby acknowledges and celebrates the rich history and enduring contributions of the Town of Copake, from its humble beginnings as part of the Town of Taghkanic to its establishment as an independent entity on March 26, 1824; and

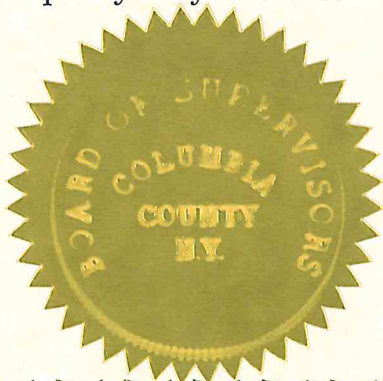
**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes the efforts of the early settlers and leaders of Copake in organizing the town and establishing its governance, as well as their commitment to supporting the welfare of its residents, maintaining infrastructure, and fostering economic activity, as evidenced by their decisions to raise funds for the poor, fix bridges, and support local farms and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the County commends Copake for its resilience and adaptability over the years, transitioning from its early days of iron mining and agriculture to embracing initiatives aimed at preserving its natural beauty and agricultural heritage, as demonstrated by the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 2011 and the Agricultural and Farmland Protection plan in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbia takes pride in the rural charm and scenic landscapes that define Copake, contributing to the overall splendor of our County;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the County extends its congratulations and best wishes to the Town of Copake on its Bicentennial celebration, recognizing its integral role in shaping the history and character of Columbia County, and looks forward to continued collaboration and prosperity for years to come.



*Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the County of Columbia at the Supervisors Chambers in Hudson, New York this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.*

*Matt B. Murell, Chairman  
Columbia Board of Supervisors*