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## **SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN PHIL BARRETT STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF CONGRESSWOMAN ELISE STEFANIK'S BILL TO RENAME HISTORIC SITE SARATOGA NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK**

BALLSTON SPA, NY -- Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Phil Barrett (Clifton Park) today applauded the passage of Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's bill to rename the Saratoga National Historic Park to the Saratoga National Battlefield Park.

Chairman Barrett said, "On behalf of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, I thank Congresswoman Stefanik for her leadership in getting this bill passed, which will return the Saratoga National Park to its original name, Saratoga National Battlefield Park, and for her longstanding support of preserving and promoting Saratoga County's Revolutionary history. This name change will clearly identify the historical significance of the park for tourists and locals alike and is a timely honor for this hallowed ground as we near the 250th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga and the American Revolutionary War."

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.

The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution requesting the park's name change at its June 18, 2024 Board Meeting. The request was made as the 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.

For more information about Saratoga County's commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga, visit [www.saratoga250.com](http://www.saratoga250.com).

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