



*"History's Hometown"*

CITY OF AUBURN

Office of the Mayor  
Honorable Michael D. Quill

## *Proclamation*

### **Celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gift of Memorial City Hall**

**Whereas**, David Munson Osborne served as Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York from 1879-1880; and

**Whereas**, prior to 1930, Auburn's City Hall stood where the Police and Fire Departments stand today; and

**Whereas**, Mrs. Helen Osborne Storrow and Mrs. Emily Osborne Harris, daughters of Mayor David Munson Osborne and sisters of Mayor Thomas Mott Osborne commissioned that a new City Hall be built as a gift to the citizens of Auburn in honor of their father; and

**Whereas**, the only stipulation attached to their gift was that the Boston, Massachusetts architecture firm of Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch and Abbott, a firm which served at the time as the official head of architecture for Harvard University be commissioned to provide the architecture and design for the building; and

**Whereas**, in 1929 a building was constructed by contractor Daniel J. Meagher of Rochester, New York which featured Colonial style architecture with large columns in front and the same style of bricks used in all buildings at Harvard University; and

**Whereas**, the benches in Council Chambers were exact copies of those in the offices of the Corporation of Harvard University which date back to the 1600's and the Mayor's desk and rostrum in such Chamber were copied from court rooms of the Harvard Law School, such distinguishing features of the Chambers designed with the intent of establishing dignity and an environment of civil decorum; and

**Whereas**, on April 5, 1930 a ceremony was held where Mayor Charles Devons Osborne on behalf of the citizens of Auburn accepted the gift of Memorial City Hall from his aunts in memory of his grandfather; and

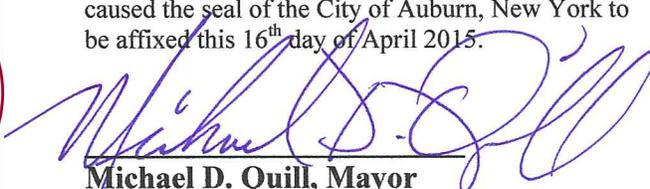
**Whereas**, for 85 years Memorial City Hall has stood proud as a magnificent symbol of City of Auburn government and has facilitated conducting the business of the public good through countless hours of dedicated employee labor, civic activity, public meetings, and notable events; and

**Whereas**, the citizens of Auburn, remain steadfastly proud and appreciative to have this stunning and extraordinary memorial as our City Hall and it shall always stand to memorialize the dynamic and significant contribution of David Munson Osborne and the entire Osborne family for their numerous contributions to History's Hometown and the international community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn New York along with the City Manager and members of the City Council, invite all friends and citizens of the City of Auburn in celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of the gift of Memorial City Hall to the occasion of an Open House of Memorial City Hall to be held on Friday, May 1, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn, New York to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

  
**Michael D. Quill, Mayor**  
**City of Auburn, New York**