RESOLUTION
Oswego College Council
State University of New York College at Oswego
150th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Oswego Primary Teachers' Training School was founded by Edwin Austin Sheldon in 1861 to improve the education and lives of residents of the then expanding United States;

WHEREAS, Sheldon's innovative Oswego Method -- blending object teaching within classroom training -- spread as graduates taught and assumed leadership posts at other normal schools in the state (including future SUNY colleges) and in every state in the country and as far as Brazil, Japan and the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Oswego Primary Teachers' Training School evolved into SUNY Oswego and has been a national and international leader in education, innovation and solutions since its founding 150 years ago;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego was a founding member of the State University of New York in 1948;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego is today a stunning 700 acre residential campus with 58 buildings that support learning in an unparalleled setting on the shores of the beautiful Lake Ontario;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego is celebrating 150th, Sesquicentennial anniversary;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego - a public institution of higher education offering comprehensive 4-year academic undergraduate opportunities in the Syracuse /Central New York region - has continued to stress educational leadership, outstanding teaching and scholarship, and solving problems;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego is the largest employer in Oswego County, hosting a workforce of 1600 faculty and staff and 2,375 students employees and annually providing a $430 million economic impact in New York State, with $370 million in its seven-county region;

WHEREAS, each year SUNY Oswego enrolls more than 8,300 students and offers a broad range of distinctive, nationally accredited academic programs through its College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Education, School of Business and School of Communications, Media and the Arts;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego faculty members are highly respected teachers and mentors;
WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego faculty and staff are deeply engaged in preparing graduates for the daunting challenges of a rapidly changing world that demands talented scientists, teachers, engineers, public servants and leaders;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego connects learners with the wider world through inestimable opportunities such as the college’s new, groundbreaking Global Laboratory and study abroad placements on all 7 continents;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego has achieved the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification and has been named to the U.S. President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll every year since its inception, having over 100 community partners and 20 community service programs and providing thousands of hours of community service and volunteer assistance every year;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego graduates are well positioned to achieve top jobs and entrance into graduate and professional programs;

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego currently has 48,000 alumni living in New York State and 75,000 alumni overall, living and working across the nation and also worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the SUNY Oswego College Council recognizes the enormous contributions being made by Oswego graduates and commends the institution for its continuous reputation of overall excellence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SUNY Oswego College Council congratulates the State University of New York at Oswego, its students, its faculty and staff, its alumni for 150 years of quality, distinction, and innovation in higher education.

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