



United States, hosting one of the most important military campaigns of the American War of Independence, serving as the young republic's first capital, and spearheading the nation's rise to commercial prominence; and

Whereas, The City's owes its immeasurable contributions to American finance, media, and culture to its rich and remarkable history; and

Whereas, Despite the enormous impact that historical events have had on the physical and social characteristics of the modern City, New Yorkers are all too often unaware of the City's remarkable and important past; and

Whereas, In 1997, Governor George Pataki declared November to be New York State History Month; and

Whereas, Such dedicated celebrations present important opportunities to showcase the extraordinary and exciting history of New York City; and

Whereas, New York City is home to many outstanding cultural organizations dedicated to preserving the City's past and educating new generations of New Yorkers about the City's history; and

Whereas, The City has a responsibility to recognize the importance of its own history and to support the work of historians and educators, and a month-long celebration of City history would contribute significantly to this effort; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York declares November to be New York History Month.

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