Proclamation

In recognition of
Colgate University
on the occasion of its bicentennial

Whereas, Colgate University was founded in 1819 under the name Baptist Education Society by 13 men with 13 dollars and 13 prayers; and

Whereas, by the mid-1820s, the university’s first graduate led students on trips to Myanmar (formerly Burma) for missionary work; and

Whereas, in 1846, the institution was granted a charter by the state legislature to confer degrees; and

Whereas, the institution adopted the name Colgate University in 1890 in recognition of nearly 70 years of interest and service from members of the Colgate family; and

Whereas, the university bolsters many esteemed alumni, including Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Bob Woodruff, Jeff Fager, Francesca Zambello, William P. Rogers, Louis Frey Jr., Oswald Avery and Johnny Marks; and

Whereas, Colgate University’s faculty members include 296 scholar-teachers, among them Peter Balakian, winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, and Dr. Anthony Aveni, astronomer, anthropologist and one of the founders of archaeoastronomy; and

Whereas, during the summer of 2017 alone, the university provided more than $650,000 to students seeking unpaid or underpaid internships, ensuring that financial need was not a barrier to career exploration; and

Whereas, the university’s size allows it to compete at the highest level in academics, research, the arts and Division I athletics, positioning Colgate as a distinctive leader among American liberal arts universities; and

Whereas, Colgate University has more than 34,000 loyal alumni residing in 91 countries across the globe; and now, therefore, be it

Proclaimed, that I, Assemblyman Bill Magee, do hereby honor the great history and continued excellence of Colgate University on the occasion of its bicentennial.

Dated: September 2018

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto Set My Hand and Signature

Bill Magee
New York State Assembly
121st Assembly District