



# The Assembly State of New York



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In recognition of  
**Colgate University**  
on the occasion of its bicentennial

- W**hereas, 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
- Proclatmed,** 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 have Hereunto

Set My Hand and Signature

*Bill Magee*

**Bill Magee**

New York State Assembly

121<sup>st</sup> Assembly District