

No. R-26. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Moretown.

(S.C.R.10)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

Whereas, on June 7, 1763, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth, as part of his ongoing process of issuing charters for new towns in the lands west of the Connecticut River, granted a charter for the town of Moretown, consisting of territory equaling six square miles and described as “Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Duxbury on the southerly side of Onion or French River, from thence Easterly up said River & bounding on the same so far as to make it six Miles on a streight Line,” and

Whereas, the charter directed “That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township,” and

Whereas, it also directed the payment of “Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only” from inhabitants annually, beginning on December 25, 1763, and

Whereas, on March 22, 1792, the first Moretown town meeting was held at the home of Joseph Haseltine at which the voters of the town elected Daniel Parcher as the first town moderator, and other elected officers included Seth Munson as town clerk and three selectmen, including Joseph Haseltine, Daniel Parcher, and John Heaton, and Philip Bartlett as treasurer, and

Whereas, the first member of the General Assembly elected from the town of Moretown was Luther Mosely who served from 1794–1806, and

Whereas, town meetings were held on Moretown Common, and

Whereas, in 1832, the voters of the town voted to relocate town meeting to the Moretown Hollow, and

Whereas, the town of Moretown has repeatedly survived and rebounded from severe floods, most recently in 2011 during Tropical Storm Irene, and

Whereas, the town of Moretown is marking its 250th anniversary in 2013, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Moretown, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Moretown Town Clerk.