

Proclamation
Zebulon Pike Day – April 27, 2024

Whereas, Zebulon Montgomery Pike was an American explorer and a brigadier general who died an American hero at the Battle of York (Toronto, Canada) while serving his nation during the War of 1812;

Whereas, General Zebulon Montgomery Pike spent the beginning years of the War of 1812 in present-day Sackets Harbor in Jefferson County, NY;

Whereas, Zebulon Montgomery Pike died on the ship on Lake Ontario after winning the Battle of York (Toronto) on April 27, 1813 and is buried in Sackets Harbor, New York (His pillow was the British flag.) and deserves to be recognized;

Whereas, Pike's most well-known military expedition was his 1806-07 exploration of the southwestern region of the Louisiana Purchase, during which he traveled over 3500 miles in what is now 7 U.S. states plus Mexico;

Whereas, Pike's early military expedition was his 1805-1806 exploration of the Upper Mississippi River region of the Louisiana Purchase, during which he traveled over 1900 miles in what is now 5 U.S. states;

Whereas, discovered and explored the headwaters of five major western rivers- the Mississippi, Arkansas, South Platte, Osage, and Cottonwood; and traveled on the Rio Grande in New Mexico;

Whereas, recognition of Pike's presence in Jefferson County will help increase awareness of his journey as well as the history of Jefferson County/Sackets Harbor and the many cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities offered in the area;

Whereas, awareness of Pike's presence in our area will increase the economic advantages through tourism- the life blood of many individuals and businesses;

Therefore, be it resolved that I Mayor Alex Morgia, proclaim April 27, 2024 to be "Zebulon Pike Day" in Sackets Harbor, New York.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Sackets Harbor to be affixed this 27th day of April 2024.



Mayor Alex Morgia



Attest: Margaret Kelly, Village Clerk

