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A Letter from the Mayor

These are extraordinary times. For our city they are perhaps as extraordinary and difficult as when we took the future of our young nation into our hands during the Battle of Plattsburgh, and forever shaped our region. The Battle was a turning point in the northern battle during the War of 1812, and helped lead to the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the Forgotten War. America as we know it would not exist, if it was not for the efforts of the brave and overmatched infantry and volunteers who came together to defend our nation against the mighty British forces.

I hope you enjoy this year's virtual commemoration and remember the sacrifices so many volunteers made in 1814 to preserve our region. We can also remember all those local historians, enthusiasts, businesses, and War of 1812 buffs who volunteer thousands of hours each year to help us honor and remember that battle that occurred on the shores of Lake Champlain. A large thank you goes out to all these volunteers. As you enjoy these wonderful activities, virtual or otherwise, I believe you will find much to do and discover in Plattsburgh, even in these unusual times.

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