

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ERIE
February 2, 2013**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County to be held in County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 7th day of February, 2013, the following proclamation will be adopted:

Whereas on the 26th day of January in the 2013th year of our Lord, added a new angel to His heavenly family and called home one of his finest creations, Mamie Beale Johnson, to be by his side, and

Whereas Mamie Beale Johnson was born in Lackawanna, New York, educated in the Buffalo Public School system and a graduate of Hutchinson Central High School; she received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Virginia Union University and was a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu scientific honor society, a rare and extraordinary accomplishment for an African American woman and

Whereas, Mamie Beale married former Masten District Councilman, the late Horace "Billy" Johnson in 1948 and from this union were born three daughters, June Johnson Stanford, Patricia Johnson Isaac and Holly Johnson Fisher and

Whereas Mamie Beal Johnson was the first African-American woman to join Cornell Lab, where she worked for 22 years and was part of the team that helped develop the automotive seat belt; She also enjoyed a 20-year career with EOC as registrar, research assistant and community relations and recruitment coordinator; Mamie received numerous certificates, awards and honors for her exemplary contributions to her employer and community, including being cited as an African American "Pioneer in Science" from Ebony magazine; she was a member of the Buffalo Chapter of the Links, Jack and Jill, Harriet Tubman 300, Women for Human Rights and Dignity and Xi Epsilon Omega Chapter Kappa Alpha sorority, and

Whereas Mamie Beale Johnson was a strong, God fearing, African American woman; she was heritage proud, family oriented and a warm and compassionate person; her family especially enjoyed her culinary skills as she was a great cook; Mamie was a loyal friend and confidante, always willing to lend a kind and encouraging word or share wise counsel; she had a great sense of humor and generously shared her gift of song and music with her Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church family through her ministry as church organist,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That Mamie Beale Johnson, was a one of a kind woman, a mathematical genius, a visionary, a luminary and a justifier of Jesus Christ who used her gifts to make a difference in the world by leaving a legacy of love and accomplishment, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body recognizes the valuable contributions Mamie Beale Johnson made in life and the tremendous void left by her death, and as such, does hereby proclaim, Saturday, February 2, 2013 as "Mamie Beale Johnson Day" in the County of Erie.

The Honorable Betty Jean Grant
Chair of the Erie County Legislature
Legislator of the 2nd District

Robert Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature