

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., JANUARY 23, 2014, A.D.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT** *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, N.Y. on the 23rd day of January, 2014 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

*WHEREAS, the Erie County Farm Bureau's preliminary work was accomplished in 1913; and*

*WHEREAS, the Erie County Farm Bureau became official on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 1914 then know as the Farm Bureau of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and incorporated as such; and*

*WHEREAS, the Erie County Farm Bureau was the 19<sup>th</sup> county in New York to organize a Farm Bureau; and*

*WHEREAS, the Erie County Farm Bureau's first executive meeting on January 20, 1914 was attended by Town of Aurora Supervisor Asher B. Emery; and*

*WHEREAS, the Erie County Farm Bureau began with 203 members and after eleven months touted a membership of 348; and*

*WHEREAS, the Erie County Farm Bureau, throughout its history, has assisted in sponsoring many organizations and activities such as Home Demonstration work, Junior Extension which later became 4-H, Dairy Herd Improvement and many more; and*

*WHEREAS, the Erie County Farm Bureau celebrates the memory of Mr. M.C. Burritt, the bureau's first state leader, who at a meeting in 1914 spoke to the group on the value of the organization in helping to bring our colleges and experimental stations closer to our farmers. Mr. Burritt is also remembered for his quote "self help is the greatest help – it is up to farmers to take advantage of their opportunities"; and*

*WHEREAS, the Erie County Farm Bureau as it has in the past will continue today to meet the needs of those who make farming their livelihood and rural New York their home.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** *that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to acknowledge and commend this outstanding organization – the Erie County Farm Bureau and joins in celebrating 100 Years of Service to our farmers and our community.*

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*John J. Mills*  
*Chairman of the Erie County Legislator*

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*Joseph C. Lorigo*  
*Majority Leader*  
*Erie County Legislator – District 10*

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*Scott Kroll*  
*Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County*