

# STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY ECLEG APR16'12 AM10:50  
BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 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, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, *Suzanne Tomkins is a Grand Island resident and the mother of two daughters, Emily and Allison; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Suzanne Tomkins graduated from Grand Island High School in 1971, going on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Buffalo State College, and in 1992 earned her Juris Doctor degree from the State University at Buffalo School of Law; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Suzanne Tomkins is a clinical professor of law and director of the Women, Children and Social Justice Clinic at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and is the co-director of the University of Buffalo Law Program for Excellence in Family Law; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Suzanne Tomkins has served on numerous boards and committees dedicated to family law and domestic violence, both locally and statewide, including the Statewide Integrated Domestic Violence Court Advisory Board the New York State Office of Court Administration Family Court Advisory Committee; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Suzanne Tomkins has been a domestic violence consultant in Ukraine and Russia for Project Harmony, a program of the United States Department of State and recently conducted a series of presentations in Brazil; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Suzanne Tomkins is a biking enthusiast, raising funds in 2005 for Carolyn's House, a residence for homeless women and children, by riding her bike across the country.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature applauds *Suzanne Tomkins* for being honored as the Grand Island High School Distinguished Alumni of 2012 by the Grand Island Foundation, and for her dedication to the Town of Grand Island as a positive influence on the community.

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**Kevin R. Hardwick.**  
Erie County Legislator – 4<sup>th</sup> District

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**Robert M. Graber**  
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County