

**STATE OF NEW YORK**

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**COUNTY OF ERIE**

**April 27, 2013**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that at the next regular session of the Legislature of Erie County to be held in County Hall in the City of Buffalo, the following is a true and accurate copy of the proclamation that will be adopted:

Whereas, the Neighborhood House Association was located at 50 Orange Street from 1950-1980 and for some 30 years, served as a safe house for youth in the Fruitbelt and surrounding communities, offering after school programming and week-end activities, and

Whereas, Neighborhood House staff were like saints to the children as they listened to their problems, gave solid advice, life counsel, educational assistance and were attentive to their needs, and

Whereas, John Johnson, William (Bill) House, Carl Johnson, Ron Peoples, and the late General Bass were staff at the Neighborhood House who displayed unparalleled dedication and commitment to the Neighborhood House youth who came looking for love, guidance, approval or advice, yet who seldom received recognition, honor or formal gratitude for the work that they did, and

Whereas, on Saturday, March 30, 2013, a committee aptly named, "It Takes A Village", will host a banquet and awards ceremony at St. George's Hall, 2 Nottingham Terrace in Buffalo, New York at 5:00 p.m. for the express purpose of paying homage and appreciation to the former staff of Neighborhood House including but not limited to John Johnson, Bill House, Carl Johnson, Ron Peoples and the late General Bass,

Now, Therefore Be It

Resolved, that the Erie County Legislature does herein commend the "It Takes A Village" Committee for their thoughtfulness and undying dedication to the staff of the Neighborhood House Association, and be it further

Resolved, that this Honorable Body, does herein congratulate the awardees and the "It Takes A Village" Committee on the success of their banquet and awards ceremony honoring the former staff persons and community warriors whose servitude and commitment has never been forgotten.

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Betty Jean Grant, Chair  
Chair of the Erie County Legislature  
2<sup>nd</sup> District Legislator

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Timothy Hagues  
1<sup>st</sup> District Legislator

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Robert Graber  
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature