

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS, Rebecca Darch-Sireika** *graduated from the Utica Fire Academy on July 3, 2013 and returned home to Lackawanna and her husband, Robert Sireika; and*

**WHEREAS, Rebecca Darch-Sireika** *broke the New York State and national record for the Candidate Physical Agility Test – CPAT during the 14-week academy; and*

**WHEREAS, Rebecca Darch-Sireika** *set the benchmark for women across the country aspiring to serve their community as a firefighter; and*

**WHEREAS, Rebecca Darch-Sireika** *will serve and protect the residents of Lackawanna as the first female firefighter in the department's history, demonstrating strength, courage, commitment and ambition; and*

**WHEREAS, Rebecca Darch-Sireika** *is a pillar in the Lackawanna community, involved in several volunteer organizations and civic groups, as well as serving as a past City Council Member, to make her city a better place for everyone; and*

**WHEREAS, Rebecca Darch-Sireika** *has made her family, friends and community extremely proud with her many accomplishments and for helping to write a piece of Lackawanna history.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations congratulate **Rebecca Darch-Sireika** on successfully completing the fire academy and joining the Lackawanna Fire Department as its first female firefighter.*

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Lynne Dixon  
Erie County Legislature District 9

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Robert Graber  
Clerk of the Legislature