

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

**WHEREAS,** *the Eden Corn Festival is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary August 1-4, 2013 on the grounds of the Newell Faulkner Post of the American Legion, the same spot where the first festival was held, as well as all that have followed; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Eden Corn Festival has transitioned through the years:*

- 1959 - Eden Chamber of Commerce organized the first "Garden Festival."*
- 1963 - Chamber President Morehouse suggested the name change to "Corn Festival" as this was the Eden farmers' largest crop.*
- 1964 - First festival held under the new name, "Eden Corn Festival," was August 15 & 16 to coincide with when sweet corn would be the most tender and at its best.*
- 1966 - Corn Festival parade became even larger with more prizes for the entrees.*
- 1969 - Parade watchers frightened by a "tornado" that turned out to be a water spout.*
- 1977 - 1<sup>st</sup> Super Day for the Handicapped was sponsored - free food, rides & entertainment.*
- 1980 - Chamber turned sponsorship over to the newly formed Eden Corn Festival Inc.*

**WHEREAS,** *the Eden Corn Festival is truly a hometown event and a hometown favorite, and has placed Eden on the map as the "Garden Spot" of New York; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Eden Corn Festival features an amazing parade, midway rides, tractor pulls, baseball games, dancing, auto shows, country music and of course delicious food; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Eden Corn Festival returns all proceeds to many non-profit charitable organizations and businesses; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Eden Corn Festival, in the past several years, has welcomed more than 120,000 attendees per year; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT***

***RESOLVED***, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize, thank and congratulate the ***Eden Corn Festival*** Committee, volunteers and the community, for giving all of us ***50 years*** of a "Western New York Hometown Favorite."

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***John J. Mills***  
***Erie County Legislator – 11<sup>th</sup> District***

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