

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, Ray Markiewicz is the founder and current Vice President of the Lake Erie Chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate the angler through programs such as catch and release and ecology; also the organization is dedicated to the enhancement of fly fishing through conservation and restoration; and

WHEREAS, Ray Markiewicz founded the Niagara Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club, which currently enrolls approximately 2,000 members, in July of 1971; and

WHEREAS, Ray Markiewicz was instrumental in bringing Project Healing Waters to New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where he volunteers as Regional Coordinator for the program that teaches wounded and disabled veterans fly fishing as part of their therapy; and

WHEREAS, Ray Markiewicz volunteers his time teaching fly tying and casting to the veterans at Batavia Hospital and has attended numerous fishing excursions with veterans; and

WHEREAS, Ray Markiewicz has been active in environmental issues, especially in the Great Lakes for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Ray Markiewicz is on the Board of Directors of the Western New York Nature Conservancy that preserves and protects eco systems and wilderness areas. Ray also accomplished much of the work involved on the Deer Lick Wilderness area in Zoar Valley; and

WHEREAS, Ray Markiewicz is a life-long resident of Western New York, currently residing in Angola with his wife Barbara of 49 years and they are proud parents of two children; and

WHEREAS, Ray Markiewicz enjoys fly fishing, canoeing and backpacking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to acknowledge and commend **Ray Markiewicz** for his work and dedication in educating anglers in the technique and conservation practices involved in his beloved sport of fly fishing and for being a guardian to environmental issues.

John J. Mills
Erie County Legislator – 11th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County