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STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., JULY 16, 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, David Willett cut the ribbon celebrating the official opening of the restored 1851 Hicksite Quaker Meeting House on the 14th day of July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, David Willett was determined to see the Hicksite Quaker Meeting House returned to its original authenticity as when built in 1851; and

WHEREAS, David Willett, a member of the North Collins Historical Society, organized volunteers to work on the building and due to his total commitment and perfectionist qualities, accomplished a great deal of the physical work during the more than 2-year long project himself; and

WHEREAS, David Willett, the James Renaldo family and many other individuals donated hours of labor assisting in renovation projects, which included stripping, painting and replacement of damaged siding on the building exterior, replacing the roof with period-appropriate wood shingles, window remodeling and pointing the stone foundation. Safe entrances were built and the interior painted grey – the original chosen color; and

WHEREAS, David Willett assisted in restoring the 1851 Hicksite Quaker Meeting House to the way the two room facility appeared in the 1800s. The interior having a movable partition that would divide the men's side and the ladies' side for Men's Business Meetings and Ladies' Business Meetings, when not used for worship services; and

WHEREAS, David Willett was fundamental in the restoration project of School House #8, believed to have been built in approximately 1857. David also enabled the movement of the building from the intersection of Marshfield Road and Quaker Road to the North Collins Town Library campus; and

WHEREAS, David Willett was responsible for the incorporation of Schoolhouse #8 History Center & Museum as a not-for-profit corporation to enable an endowment fund to provide for future maintenance. David chairs its Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to acknowledge and commend **David Willett** for his tireless work and dedication in the restoration of the 1851 Hicksite Quaker Meeting House and Schoolhouse #8 and his commitment to the community of North Collins.

John J. Mills
Erie County Legislator – District 11

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County