

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 12TH, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

*WHEREAS, The YWCA of the Tonawandas was incorporated and became a charitable organization in 1913; and held its first open house on September 13, 1913 which was attended by over 700 people including the prominent families of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda; and*

*WHEREAS, The YWCA of the Tonawandas held many theatre performances in the 1920s and 30s, including the opera, "La Boheme" and sponsored the play "Les Miserables" which was held in Shea's Rivera; and*

*WHEREAS, The YWCA of the Tonawandas held a door-to-door campaign in 1930 to raise \$45,000 to enlargement the gym and expand the structure; and*

*WHEREAS, The YWCA of the Tonawandas began serving dinners in December 1935 at the request of the Merchants Association for local store employees who worked evenings to accommodate Christmas shoppers and charged \$.60 for a full course turkey dinner with beverage and pie; and*

*WHEREAS, The YWCA of the Tonawandas served as an employment agency for wives and daughters of immigrants who came to work in the factories, finding employment as house maids, cooks or nannies, placing 136 out of 230 in one year; and*

*WHEREAS, The YWCA of the Tonawandas adopted several war programs in the 1940s, including War Community Service and the USO; and*

*WHEREAS, The YWCA of the Tonawandas has hosted many community activities, including Nursery School, weekly Record Hops, American Contract Bridge Tournaments, and launched the Domestic Violence Program in 1986.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend **The YWCA of the Tonawandas** on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and to say thank you for its many years of commitment to the community.

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**Kevin R. Hardwick**  
**Erie County Legislator – 4<sup>th</sup> District**

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