

STATE OF NEW YORK ECLEG SEP24'13 10:00

LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 26th day of September, A.D. 2013, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *is located in the southeastern portion of the City of Buffalo's historic Valley Neighborhood, and;*

WHEREAS, VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *was founded in October 1968 to serve the needs of the community by providing programs aimed at improving the social well-being of the residents, meeting individual and family needs and promoting environmental beautification and stewardship, and;*

WHEREAS, VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *was created by a group of concerned residents under the leadership of the late Fr. Hugh Carmichael became incorporated, and;*

WHEREAS, VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S *center was completed by 1971 and the City of Buffalo Parks Department operated the facility, now known as Fr. Carmichael Center, and;*

WHEREAS, VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *continues to meet the needs of the community by offering youth activities, such as arts and crafts, a teen center, day care facilities, athletics, and recreation, and;*

WHEREAS, VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *hired Margaret "Peg" Overdorf in 1979 and she fought to have the Association stand on its own with help from the United Way, which was approved in 1982, and;*

WHEREAS, VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *helped transform the area with Federal Resource Partnership Grants into the Valley Nature Park and Habitat Trail, and;*

WHEREAS, VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *secured \$4.7 million in grants from the New York State Assembly through Assemblyman Mark Schroeder's office and the Margaret Wendt Foundation to purchase riverfront land on Ohio Street to construct Buffalo River Fest Park.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to honor VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION for working with the community for 45 years!*

Lynne Dixon
Erie County Legislature District 9

Robert Graber
Clerk of the Legislature