

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., NOVEMBER 7, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

*WHEREAS, the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway in the year 2002, was the idea and the dream of Orchard Park resident Robert Lennartz, and with his wife Mary's encouragement, was determined to create awareness of the natural beauty and history that this area has to offer; and*

*WHEREAS, the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway committee members gave countless hours of their time, ideas, and encouragement. The following members have served past and present:*

*Bob Lennartz – Byway President*

*Bill Even  
Pat Lamonte  
Bill Krebs  
Jim Bentley  
Pat Keem  
Scott Kroll*

*Dave Field  
Ron Klinczar  
Betty Chetney  
Sherrie Pluta  
Deborah Chimes  
Kim Bowers*

*WHEREAS, the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway unites Erie County and the beautiful towns of Aurora, Boston, Colden, Concord, Orchard Park and the villages of East Aurora and Springville; and*

*WHEREAS, the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway incorporates much of US Route 219 between Orchard Park and Springville, with loops encompassing host towns and villages; and*

*WHEREAS, the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway in order to obtain its present success required countless hours of research, community meetings, support from the municipalities involved, awarding of grants for study and also, coordination with the New York State Scenic Byway Program resulting in approval from the State Scenic Byways Advisory Board; and*

***WHEREAS, the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway encourages motorists to stop at sites such as Knox Farm State Park in East Aurora, a beautiful 633 acre estate formerly owned by the Seymour Knox, or enjoy a visit to Sprague Brook Park, in the Town of Concord, one of the county parks on the Byway; and***

***WHEREAS, the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway in 2012 received an interpretive sign program grant that allowed the Byway organization to fulfill one of their major ambitions – to place signage on the roads and at the site locations explaining the history and significance of the building, monument or area.***

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

***RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to acknowledge, commend and congratulate the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway organization for bringing to fruition their dream to give awareness of the many beautiful and historic sites we have within our own beautiful region of Western New York.***

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***John J. Mills***  
***Erie County Legislator – District 11***

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