

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., NOVEMBER, 21ST 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 21st day of November 2013, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Ken Hansen and his wife, Kim, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Amanda, on February 27, 1992 and formed a bond that only a parent can understand; enjoying every moment as they watched her grow, make friends and become involved in school and sports, and;

WHEREAS, Ken Hansen and Kim experienced a parent's worst nightmare on the morning of January 17, 2009, when they learned that Amanda, who had spent the night at a friend's house, had suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning and passed away, and;

WHEREAS, Ken Hansen was compelled to establish the Amanda Hansen Foundation after suffering the tragic loss of his daughter in the hopes of preventing the same tragedy from occurring in other families, and;

WHEREAS, Ken Hansen's central goals were to supply those in need with CO detectors, and to work with local and national organizations to educate residents about the dangers of CO poisoning, causes, and prevention through the proper use of detectors and proper installation and maintenance of household appliances, and;

WHEREAS, Ken Hansen has worked tirelessly to enact local and national legislation to mandate all buildings, both private and public, be equipped with CO detectors, and;

WHEREAS, Ken Hansen was successful in establishing a statewide law, effective Feb. 22, 2010, which requires all new and existing dwellings throughout New York to have a carbon monoxide detector installed; and he continues to push for the enactment of similar legislation on the national level, and;

WHEREAS, Ken Hansen, through the foundation, hosts a variety of annual benefits in West Seneca with the funds raised going toward educational materials to promote CO awareness, as well as the purchase and distribution of detectors to the public, and;

WHEREAS, Ken Hansen has made great strides to inform people across the county, as well as internationally, on the importance of equipping homes with a carbon monoxide detector, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to honor Ken Hansen being named the Erie County Legislature Citizen of the Month for November 2013 for his tireless efforts to help others avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, saving numerous lives.

Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislator - 10th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature