

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, The Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in Erie County throughout our history, having been established in the State's first constitution in 1777 and having been continued in every succeeding constitution, and having been one of the original constitutional offices of our County; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 4, 1821, John G. Camp was appointed as the first Sheriff of Erie County, which encompassed both Erie and Niagara counties; and

**WHEREAS**, after the district of Erie County was established, Camp remained in office as the Sheriff of Erie County until December 31, 1822; and

**WHEREAS**, despite changes in its function, status and powers during its long history, the Office of Sheriff has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our criminal justice community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Sheriff has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement agency, manned by fully trained police officers, using state-of-the-art technology and applying the latest and most advanced theories and practices in the criminal justice field; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of "Keeper of the Peace," and extend into many facets of public service, including maintaining the county jail, providing security as well as serving and executing civil process for courts, and dispatching emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, as a constitutionally empowered entity directly responsible to the people, the Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the public it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Office of Sheriff and the significant role that the Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system;

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

***RESOLVED***, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to hereby proclaim  
September 21st –27th, 2014 as Sheriffs Week in Erie County.

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***John J. Mills***  
***Chairman***

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***Joseph J. Lorigo***  
***Majority Leader***

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***Betty Jean Grant***  
***Minority Leader***

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***Barbara Miller Williams***  
***Erie Co. Legislator – District #1***

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***Peter J. Savage, III***  
***Erie Co. Legislator – District #3***

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***Kevin R. Hardwick***  
***Erie Co. Legislator – District #4***

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***Thomas A. Loughran***  
***Erie Co. Legislator – District #5***

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***Edward A. Rath III***  
***Erie Co. Legislator – District #6***

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***Patrick B. Burke***  
***Erie Co. Legislator – District #7***

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***Ted B. Morton***  
***Erie Co. Legislator – District #8***

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***Lynne M. Dixon***  
***Erie Co. Legislator – District #9***

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***Scott W. Kroll***  
***Clerk of the Legislature***