

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ERIE**

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September 27, 2014

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at the next regular session of the Erie County Legislature in 2014, to be held in County Hall in the City of Buffalo, the following is a true and accurate copy of a proclamation that will be adopted:

WHEREAS, On Monday, September 22, 2014, God, in his infinite, unquestionable wisdom, called Gregory Ashley, one of his most beloved earthly angels, home to be by his side, and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ashley was born, raised and educated in Buffalo, New York; he graduated from Emerson High School and attended college at Erie Community College for drafting and Niagara University for his theological education; in October, 1983, he married the love of his life, Lena Stevens and from this union was born two beautiful children, Damian and Kimberly and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ashley was a hardworking, God fearing, family man; he loved spectator sports, especially football and the Dallas Cowboys and he also enjoyed bowling; in 1981 Gregory began a 33 year career with National Grid as a Chief Cable Splicer and was elevated to foreman in 2013, and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Gregory Ashley became a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church family and the love affair with its membership came full circle; he joined the Men's Ministry, the Men's Choir and became an ordained Deacon and after asking God to order his steps and studying under the tutelage of Pastor Dr. Dennis Lee, Gregory Ashley became "Minister Gregory"; he loved Hopewell Baptist Church and ministering to residents at the Waterfront Nursing Home; he was a powerful prayer partner and leader;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does herein extend its deepest sympathies to the Ashley family on their loss and as such does wish them well as they continue their lives eternally touched by Gregory's legacy, and lifted by his love, and be it further

RESOLVED, that given the aforementioned, this Honorable Body finds it only fitting and proper that today, September 27, 2014 be declared "Minister Gregory Ashley Day" in the County of Erie.

Betty Jean Grant
Minority Leader of the Erie County Legislature
2nd District Legislator