

# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., NOVEMBER, 20, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

*WHEREAS, Alison and Arthur Hyde met in 1960 and after marrying in 1962 traveled to Hamisi, Kenya with an organization called Operation Crossroads Africa for an eight-week long honeymoon, to work beside locals to build a classroom and athletic field for the small town and;*

*WHEREAS, Alison and Arthur Hyde returned to Africa after the birth of their first child and spent seven years teaching in Zambia, during which time they had two more children, and;*

*WHEREAS, Alison and Arthur Hyde returned to the United States in 1970 and settled in East Aurora, NY to raise their family, and;*

*WHEREAS, Alison and Arthur Hyde were inspired by a 2003 Seattle Times article about AIDS orphans in Kenya, and after recognizing the names of villages from their 1962 visit decided they wanted to help and wrote to their friend, Dr. Meshack Isiaho, and;*

*WHEREAS, Alison and Arthur Hyde learned that Dr. Meshack Isiaho was working with over 200 orphans in Kenya, and;*

*WHEREAS, Alison and Arthur Hyde joined Dr. Meshack Isiaho in September of 2004 to start Crossroads Springs, an orphanage and school in Hamisi, Kenya for children orphaned by AIDS, and;*

*WHEREAS, Alison and Arthur Hyde started Crossroads Springs with about 40 children and today there are 320 children from grades pre-K through eighth. A second building has been built, with dorm rooms, eight classrooms, bathrooms and a library, and;*

*WHEREAS, Alison and Arthur Hyde's efforts provide the children in Kenya, who have lost one or both parents to AIDS, the opportunity to improve their lives, receive an education and the chance at a bright future because of this loving care The Crossroads Springs Institute provides.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to honor Alison and Arthur Hyde as the Erie County Legislature Citizens of the Month for November 2014.*

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Joseph C. Lorigo  
Majority Leader  
Erie County Legislator – 10<sup>th</sup> District

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Karen M. McCarthy  
Clerk of the Legislature