

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 3RD, 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 3rd day of April, 2014, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, *April is National Organ Donor Month and the Western New York Kidney Connection was launched on September 21, 2006 as a non-profit organization to help those in need to find altruistic donors; and*

WHEREAS, *the Western New York Kidney Connection was created by Tina Long, Jeanette Ostrom, Patti Merritt, and Diane Krzyzanoski to serve as a link between potential donors and those in need of a kidney; and*

WHEREAS, *the Western New York Kidney Connection fights to reduce the Buffalo waiting list, which currently exceeds 500 people with most waiting over two years for a kidney; and*

WHEREAS, *the Western New York Kidney Connection successfully reversed hospital policy that initially denied donors found through the internet; and*

WHEREAS, *the Western New York Kidney Connection launched the Albany Kidney Connection on March 10, 2014; and*

WHEREAS, *the Western New York Kidney Connection has had many success stories since 2006, connecting living donors with a person in need.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and honor the accomplishments of the Western New York Kidney Connection.*

Ted B. Morton
Erie County Legislator – 8th District

Scott W. Kroll
Clerk of the Legislature