

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ERIE**

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May 8, 2015

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at the next regular session of the Erie County Legislature in 2015, 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 Sunday, March 3, 2015, George Douglas Patterson, Jr., heeded the call of the Death Angel and found peace in the arms of his Creator, and

WHEREAS, George Douglas Patterson, Jr. was born on September 15, 1942 in Buffalo, New York to the late Lillian Bell and George Patterson Sr., he was one of eight children; George attended Buffalo Public Schools and after serving his country in the United States Air Force and receiving an Honorable Discharge, he went on to earn both a Bachelor and Masters' Degree in Social Work from the University of Buffalo; George met and married Deborah Jones and to this union was born his only child, George Douglas Patterson, III, and

WHEREAS, George Douglas Patterson, Jr. retired from the New York State Office of Child and Family Services after 30 years of service; he then turned his love for music into a successful second career as a DJ and line dance instructor, which became his passion; George loved his family and kept a close circle of friends who he enjoyed hosting in his home on holidays and special occasions, and

WHEREAS, George Douglas Patterson, Jr. was an enigma, a leader, a cerebral man and an analytical thinker and decision maker who demanded all the pieces to the puzzle before making important decisions; he was a highly intelligent, complex and competitive man who was quiet yet opinionated; he had the roar and the courage of a lion, yet a tender heart that often melted his own stubbornness; he was an unapologetic, no nonsense man with an unpredictable sense of humor and a million dollar smile that meant you had earned his approval,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature does herein extend its deepest sympathies to the Patterson and Wright families on the loss of their beloved George Douglas Patterson, Jr., and be it further,

RESOLVED, That given the outstanding illustration of fatherhood and leadership George exemplified throughout his life and in recognition of the many lives he touched, changed and saved, this Honorable Body finds it only fitting and proper to declare today, Friday, May 8, 2015, as "George Douglas Patterson, Jr. Day" in the County of Erie.

Betty Jean Grant, Minority Leader
2nd District Erie County Legislator