

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 14TH, 2015 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 14th day of May, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, *The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *the citizens of Erie County have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and*

WHEREAS, *the contribution and sacrifices of the servicemen and servicewomen from Erie County have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by all citizens; and*

WHEREAS, *the original Purple Heart, designated as the badge of Military Merit, was established by George Washington and is the oldest military award still given to United States military members; and*

WHEREAS, *the Purple Heart, in its current form, has been awarded in the name of the United States President since April 5, 1917 to all service personnel killed or wounded while serving; and*

WHEREAS, *many citizens in Erie County have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge Erie County's Purple Heart Medal recipients and hereby designates Erie County as a Purple Heart County in May.*