

**May 27, 2015**  
**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**COUNTY OF ERIE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that at the next regular session of the Legislature of Erie County 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 May 18, 2015, Calvin W. Loatman, the oldest of five children born to William C. Loatman and Louise (Gilbert) Loatman, heeded the call of the death angel and departed this life for his new home in heaven, and

Whereas, Calvin W. Loatman was born, raised and educated in the Buffalo Public School System; he received his New York State General Equivalency Diploma in 1973 after attending East High School and continued his education at Buffalo State College and Bryant and Stratton Institute and

Whereas, Calvin W. Loatman was a God fearing, Christian man who was christened at Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church at an early age; he upheld his religious beliefs faithfully over the course of his life; Calvin was a unique person and a talented musician who played with many famous bands and groups such as Jagged Edge and Pneu Breed, The Ohio Players and many more; he honed his craft and in 1986 when he relocated to Atlanta, Georgia where he joined the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church; while he continued mentoring and playing some secular music, he also began playing for the Lord; Calvin played before thousands weekly as a staff musician with his beloved "Da Posse" at New Birth, one of Atlanta's largest mega churches and,

Whereas, Calvin Loatman was a kind and loyal friend, a compassionate father and a loving family member; he was loved and respected in the music industry where he worked for over 40 years and brought joy to many in the perfection of his musical abilities,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

Resolved, that the Erie County Legislature does herein extend it's deepest sympathies to the Loatman and Nevins family on the loss of their beloved Calvin, and be it further

Resolved, that this Honorable Body, having recognized the mark Calvin Loatman made all over the country representing Erie County everywhere he went, sees it only fitting and proper to proclaim today, Wednesday, May 27, 2015 as "Calvin W. Loatman Day" in Erie County.

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Betty Jean Grant, Minority Leader  
 Minority Leader of the Erie County Legislature  
 2<sup>nd</sup> District Legislator