

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 17th, 2015, A.D.

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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 17th day of September, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in Erie County throughout our history, having been established in the State's first constitution in 1777 and having been continued in every succeeding constitution, and having been one of the original constitutional offices of our County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has a long and storied past in fact Grover Cleveland began his political career with his election as the Sheriff of Erie County in 1887; and

WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status and powers during its long history, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our community since February 4, 1821; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement agency, manned by fully trained police officers, using state-of-the-art technology and achieving many of the highest certifications and accreditations within in the criminal justice field; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of "Keeper of the Peace," and extend into many facets of public service, including maintaining the Erie County Holding Center and the Correctional Facility, providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and serving and executing civil process for our courts; and

WHEREAS, as a constitutionally empowered entity directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the residence of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the significant role the Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body does hereby proclaim September 14th-20th, 2015, A.D., as Sheriffs Week in Erie County.