

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 1, 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 1st day of October, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that causes a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and others; and

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia are considered rare, such as Multiple System Atrophy and Pure Autonomic Failure, while other forms of dysautonomia are common, impacting millions of people in the United States and around the world, such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurocardiogenic Syncope and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race or background, including many individuals living in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can be very disabling resulting in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can result be fatal, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia will lead to earlier diagnosis and treatment for patients, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our community; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October around the world; and

WHEREAS, we seek to recognize the contributions of the professional medical community, and patients and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to proclaim the month of October as, **DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH.**

Lynne M. Dixon
Erie County Legislator – 9th District

Karen McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature