

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 9, 2015 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, to be held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 22nd day of October, 2015 A.D., a proclamation will be adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, The Tom Joyner Morning Show is a nationally syndicated program, featuring host Tom Joyner and a team of commentators reporting and discussing the latest news and sports of the day, playing popular R&B songs from the 1970s through the 1990s as well as contemporary R&B hits; and

WHEREAS, Tom Joyner grew up in the town of Tuskegee, Alabama. He is one of two sons. His mother was a secretary for the military and his father served as a Tuskegee Airman. His beginnings were very much like many young blacks in the south; and

WHEREAS, Tom Joyner earned the nickname “The Fly Jock” and “The Hardest Working Man in Radio” by working long hours and flying between his morning job (in Dallas, Texas) and afternoon job (in Chicago, Illinois) every weekday for eight years, collecting over 7 million frequent flyer miles; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Tom Joyner convinced ABC Radio Networks that his show could work in syndication. ABC, impressed with his determination, credentials and following gave it a try and in 1994, The Tom Joyner Morning Show started with Tom Joyner at the helm; and

WHEREAS, The Tom Joyner Morning Show is now the nation’s #1 syndicated urban morning show, which airs in more than 105 markets, the show has distinguished itself over the years as continuously giving back to its audience with quality programming, highly popular promotions, special events and philanthropy. Every week, The Tom Joyner Morning Show reaches over 12 Million African-Americans more than any other live media source.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to honor and recognize Tom Joyner and his morning show commentators for reporting and discussing the latest news, sports, entertainment, and lifestyle reports relevant to the African-American community and broadcasting live from Buffalo on October 13, 2015.

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

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature