

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., JANUARY 29, 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 29th day of January, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

*WHEREAS, Kiwanis was founded on January 21, 1915 with a single club in Detroit, Michigan, followed by the second Kiwanis club being chartered on October 19, 1915 in Cleveland, Ohio; and*

*WHEREAS, Kiwanis has grown into a premier international service organization during the past century; and*

*WHEREAS, Kiwanis held its first convention in May 1916 in Cleveland, Ohio and elected George Hixson as the president of the "National Kiwanis Club;" and*

*WHEREAS, Kiwanis will hold this year's convention in June in Indianapolis, Indiana and the current president is Dr. John R. Button; and*

*WHEREAS, Kiwanis reached 10,000 members by 1918 and opened its first headquarters in Chicago; and*

*WHEREAS, Kiwanis had more than 315,000 members in 1995 and a year later launched its website as it continued to evolve to meet the community's changing needs; and*

*WHEREAS, Kiwanis clubs are now located in 80 nations and help their communities in countless ways; and*

*WHEREAS, Kiwanis and Kiwanis-affiliated groups, such as Key Club, CKI and Aktion Club, donate more than 18 million hours of service each year and raise more than \$100 million in charitable funds annually; and*

*WHEREAS, Kiwanis has a prominent presence in Erie County with nearly 20 clubs serving the needs of residents locally and internationally.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, *that the Erie County Legislature recognizes **Kiwanis International** on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thanks all clubs and members for everything they have done and will do for our communities.*