

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., DECEMBER 3, 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 3rd day of December, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Joseph Wales has received the honor of being named "Citizen of the Month" for the month of December 2015 for his leadership, service and commitment to our community; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wales is a life-long resident of Orchard Park, graduating from Orchard Park High School in 1995 and earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University at Buffalo in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wales was involved in Orchard Park Little League, The Boy's Club and numerous community projects as a young boy often expressing his love for his community and sharing ideas to make things better; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wales began working as a part-time sales clerk at W. G. Arthur Co., Inc., Orchard Park's local village hardware store, during high school, was promoted to manager in 1999, became vice-president in 2004, part owner in 2008 and president in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wales is involved in nearly every community project, serving through a number of volunteer leadership positions which include the Orchard Park High School's Academy of Finance Board of Directors and its Career Exploration Internship Program, the Town of Orchard Park Recreation Commission, the Boys and Girls Club, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, The Taste of Orchard Park, Village Planning Board, WNY Southtowns Scenic Byway, Quaker Days, Orchard Park Post of Fame and more; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wales has been recognized in the community of Orchard Park with the 2001 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award, the Town Recreation Department's 2008 Community Appreciation Award, the 2010 Post of Fame Award, 2012 Republican of the Year Award, the Best Hardware Store in Town Award from True Value in 2008, Buffalo Business First 40 Under 40 Award in 2008, and the North American Retail Hardware Association Young Retailer of the Year in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wales began serving in government in 2008 when he became an Orchard Park Village Trustee where he continues to promote cooperation between business, government and people who want to make the community better.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize our Citizen of the Month, **Joseph R. Wales** as a tireless, passionate, proactive citizen who has contributed greatly to the continued improvement of our community.

JOHN J. MILLS
Chairman
Erie County Legislator – 11th District

KAREN M. MCCARTHY
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature