

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ERIE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that at the next regular session of the Erie County Legislature in 2015, to be held in County Hall in the City of Buffalo, the following is a true and accurate copy of a proclamation that will be adopted:

WHEREAS, On Sunday, January 11, 2015, Earl Dean Gist heeded the call of the Death Angel and found peace in the arms of his Creator in Heaven, and

WHEREAS, Earl Dean Gist was born and raised in Buffalo, New York; he attended Buffalo Public School until he decided to leave school and go to work; Earl was later drafted into the United States Army and served his country in World War II; he is a member of Bennett Wells Post 1780 American Legion, and

WHEREAS, Earl Dean Gist was a natural entrepreneur who believed in making his own way; he owned several businesses, and worked a multitude of jobs to provide for his family; Earl earned his high school diploma in night school, then attended Bryant & Stratton Business Institute where he completed coursework that qualified him to take the exam for insurance broker, and

WHEREAS, Earl Dean Gist married Delores "Beechie" Richardson in 1950 and from this union were born one son, Frank and two daughters, Laura "Kitty" and Cynthia; in 1964 Earl and Delores opened the Earl D. Gist Insurance Agency and the following year he became a licensed bail bondsman; Earl Gist opened jail cell doors for thousands of incarcerated defendants by getting them released on bail and to this day, his family continues to operate this business under the name Greater Buffalo Bail Bonds Agency and,

WHEREAS, Earl Dean Gist was a great father and a loving husband to his beloved wife Delores of 65 years; he was a smart man and a savvy negotiator and the service he provided our community brought relief in the midst of distress and family crisis, especially for young mothers whose children were arrested; his determination alone freed many innocent people giving them the ability to retain employment, secure proper legal representation and prepare to do battle for their freedom; his tenacity and wise counsel will forever be missed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does herein extend its deepest condolences to the Gist family on the loss of their patriarch Earl Dean Gist and be it further

RESOLVED, that given the aforementioned, this Honorable Body finds it only fitting and proper to proclaim today, Friday, January 16, 2015 as "Earl Dean Gist Day" in the County of Erie.

Betty Jean Grant
Minority Leader of the Erie County Legislature
2nd District Legislator