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STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, JUNE 9, 2016

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the ninth day of June, 2016, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, in 1905 the Niagara Movement held a Conference in the Buffalo/Fort Erie area that many recognize as the actual impetus for the start of the N.A.AC.P.; and

WHEREAS, in 1909 the participants of the Niagara Movement were invited to join with the New Association whose call to action was embodied in the following:

> *"Hence we call up all believers in democracy to join a National Conference for the discussion of present evils, the voicing of protests, and the renewal of the struggle for civil and political liberty;"* and

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years the N.A.A.C.P. built and grew on the collective strength and courage of thousands of people—people of all races, nationalities and faiths united on one premise—that all men are created equal; and

WHEREAS, the N.A.A.C.P. has been at the forefront of every major Civil Rights struggle for the last century, fighting for equality in education, housing and employment opportunities and fighting against discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. will hold its 50th Annual Medgar Evers Awards Dinner on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does pause during its deliberations to recognize and salute the Buffalo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for years of service and outstanding contributions to and on behalf of all the Citizens of Erie County.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature