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STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., JUNE 23RD, 2016 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 23rd day of June, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:***

WHEREAS, *The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and*

WHEREAS, ***Eugene Peter Forrestel II*** *is a resident of Akron, New York, loving husband to Linda M. Forrestel, proud father of Eugene Peter III and Rebecca, and grandfather of Ethan Peter, Gabriella, and Baby Wood; and*

WHEREAS, ***Eugene Peter Forrestel II*** *graduated from Akron Central School, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology and a Master of Science Degree in Biology from the University of Michigan, obtained a Foundations of Banking Certificate, General Banking Diploma, and an Applied Banking Diploma from the American Institute of Banking, and received a Community Bank Management Degree from the Bank Administration Institute, University of Wisconsin at Madison; and*

WHEREAS, ***Eugene Peter Forrestel II*** *began working for the Bank of Akron in 1976 as a Bookkeeper, which led him to becoming a Teller, an Auditor, Vice President and Auditor, Vice President, Senior Vice President, Executive Vice President, President, and from 2002 to the present he has been President, CEO, and CFO; and*

WHEREAS, ***Eugene Peter Forrestel II*** *was a member of the New York State Banking Board; is a member of the Independent Bankers Association of New York State, acting as Director since 1996 and was a past president; and is a member of the New York State Department of Financial Services; and*

WHEREAS, ***Eugene Peter Forrestel II*** *has given his service to the community in various capacities over the years including serving on the Akron Central School Board of Education, a trustee of the Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education, Group 1 Chairman of the New York Bankers Association, member of the East Hill Foundation, Coxswain Council, a trustee of The Nature Conservancy, Western New York Chapter, and a past member of the Akron-Newstead Recreation Board; and*

WHEREAS, ***Eugene Peter Forrestel II*** *has been a Trustee for the Village of Akron since 1997; having served as Deputy Mayor four times and is a member of the Police and Fire Services Committee, the Water/Wastewater Committee, and the Joint Municipal Highway Facility Committee; and*

WHEREAS, ***Eugene Peter Forrestel II*** *is a Charter Member of the Akron-Newstead Rotary Club, having held the post of director for the past six years, is a member of the Akron Lions Club, having*

held the positions of secretary, president, and director, is a life member of the Newstead Historical Society, having been a trustee and treasurer of the Rich-Twinn Octagon House, and is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Akron; and

WHEREAS, ***Eugene Peter Forrestel II*** *has been involved in the organization of several community service projects including the Akron Central School all-weather track project; the Bike Path from Cedar Street to Hake Road and over Murder Creek Bridge; the original Rich-Twinn Octagon House restoration project; and has participated in various rehab projects with the Akron Lions Club who oversees all aspects of Russell Park like the gazebo, the Pavilion, and the playground.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge*

Eugene Peter Forrestel II

as the Erie County Legislature Citizen of the Month, June 2016, for his many contributions to the community and leadership in many capacities.

Edward A. Rath, III
Erie County Legislator, 6th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature