

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 1ST, 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 1st day of September, 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**, *the Buffalo News' Local News Department highlights the lives and stories of veterans through its regular Monday news series, "Saluting Our War Heroes"; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Buffalo News' Local News Department has a dedicated reporter for this series, Lou Michel, who works tirelessly to cover veterans' personal heroic stories; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Buffalo News' Local News Department and Lou Michel have devoted considerable time researching and interviewing our retired military to recount the life narratives of those who have served our country; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Buffalo News' Local News Department were honored on August 27, 2016 for its ongoing efforts to help raise awareness for the veteran community.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

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

***The Buffalo News' Local News Department***

*on receiving the Organization Award at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Louis R. Palma Veteran Tribute Awards Ceremony.*