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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
Buffalo, New York, September 1, 2016

*Recognizing the Courage and Intelligence of  
Harmony Watkins*

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 1st day of September, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, rarely should a child be called upon to react to a medical emergency involving their parent, in which the parent is not able to call for help and is minutes away from death; and

WHEREAS, when such a situation arose for Kimberly Watkins of Cheektowaga, she was lucky and fortunate that her five-year-old daughter, Harmony, was aware of the situation, knew to call 911, and gave the operator specific information to aid in their response; and

WHEREAS, what was thought to be an asthma attack, Kimberly was prepared to drive herself to the hospital, when things took a turn and her medical situation got much worse; and

WHEREAS, after slipping into a coma for several days and requiring life support, she began to recover and learned from her doctors that she had suffered from sudden cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, in her recovery, Kimberly's doctors informed her that if it weren't for Harmony's understanding and astuteness beyond her years, she would have succumbed to the medical emergency; and

WHEREAS, in a situation that a many adults would have panicked in, five year old Harmony Watkins displayed her wherewithal by remaining calm, and her mother is alive today thanks to her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations recognize the courage and intelligence of Harmony Watkins.

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**Hon. Patrick B. Burke**  
*Erie County Legislator, 7th District*

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**Karen M. McCarthy**  
*Clerk, Erie County Legislature*