

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AUGUST 19, 2016**

**CELEBRATING THE MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
HIGHLAND GAMES 2016**

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those organizations and events that enrich their communities and Erie County; and

**WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and congratulate the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village on hosting the 2016 Masters World Championship Highland Games; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival, featuring the Masters World Championship Highland Games 2016, will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Masters World Championship Highland Games 2016 will bring hundreds of competitors from around the world to Western New York and is a collaboration between the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, the Buffalo Heavies, Visit Buffalo Niagara, the Town of Amherst, and Scottish Masters Athletics International; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village has hosted the Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival, Highland Games, and Gathering of the Clans for over 30 years, this year's event will move from a one-day, Saturday-only festival, to a three-day event starting off with a traditional Scottish Ceilidh on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>, and featuring the World Championship Highland Games, Scottish dancing, music, food and drink throughout the weekend; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the custom of this legislative Body that when institutions and events of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of Erie County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body pause in its deliberation to Recognize the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village on hosting the 2016 Masters World Championship Highland Games.

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**Hon. Thomas A. Loughran**  
*Erie County Legislator, 5<sup>th</sup> District*  
*Minority Leader*

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**Hon. Edward A. Rath III**  
*Erie County Legislator, 6<sup>th</sup> District*