

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 22, 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 22nd 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, *Boston Emergency Squad commenced ambulance service on September 15, 1966; and*

WHEREAS, *Boston Emergency Squad became the first volunteer ambulance service, of its kind, separate from a fire company, in New York State; and*

WHEREAS, *Boston Emergency Squad operated with seventeen men and nine women who were all well qualified to answer their first call to an automobile accident on September 20, 1966; and*

WHEREAS, *Boston Emergency Squad used call dispatchers for twenty-one years until 1988 when the county-wide 911 emergency service began; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1967, Boston Emergency Squad's female volunteers became Emergency Medical Services instructors and were responsible for creating the early examinations for Erie County certification, a tradition that continues; and*

WHEREAS, *Boston Emergency Squad purchased a second ambulance in 1973 and broke ground on a new squad hall where they remain to this day; and*

WHEREAS, *Boston Emergency Squad has continued to grow and provide higher levels of care through its Advanced Life Support Unit, which has operated since 1983, and the addition of paramedics in 1993; and*

WHEREAS, *Boston Emergency Squad currently operates with thirty-nine active members, including five paramedics, twenty Basic EMT-Ds, and fourteen trained in first aid.*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and commend the Boston Emergency Squad on its 50th Anniversary and continued commitment to saving and protecting lives in its community.*

John J. Mills
Chairman
Erie County Legislator – 11th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature