

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 6TH, 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 6th day of October, 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, *Hearts and Hands is a not-for-profit, neighbor-helping-neighbor organization, which pairs volunteers with older and physically challenged adult care receivers for transportation to medical appointments and for routine errands, and to provide in-home support of companion visits and caregiver respite; and*

WHEREAS, *Hearts and Hands began as a ministry of the Reverend Mary Ann Pula in Akron, New York to serve the seniors of Akron United Methodist Church and quickly expanded the program beyond the church to serve the community as a whole; and*

WHEREAS, *Hearts and Hands volunteers completed more than 9,200 requests last year and drove more than 113,000 miles on behalf of their care receivers; and*

WHEREAS, *Hearts and Hands has more than 350 active volunteers in Western New York who contribute thousands of hours, including **Carole Borchert** who is a founding board member of the organization; and*

WHEREAS, *Carole Borchert has been involved since 2003, and in addition to being a board member, has served as the organization's treasurer and continues to be an active driver who is regularly requested by many care receivers because of her special compassion and manner; and*

WHEREAS, *Carole Borchert has played an integral role in the development of the program and has been an amazing volunteer and asset to the care receivers, and in recognition of her dedication has been selected to receive the first Reverend Mary Ann Pula Lifetime Service Award.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to extend its sincere appreciation and congratulations to **Carole Borchert** for her service to **Hearts and Hands**, and for receiving the Reverend Mary Ann Pula Lifetime Service Award.*