

**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, Domestic violence perpetrators intentionally use a pattern of physical, emotional, and economic coercion to control or harm their partners; and*

*WHEREAS, Domestic violence robs the victims of their dignity, self-respect, and physical safety which leaves long lasting trauma and devastating effects; and*

*WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed in October to shine the light on this violation of the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, and also to call attention to the fact that victims are not alone; and*

*WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an important opportunity to learn more about domestic violence and to become aware of programs and organizations that are advocates within the community fighting this violence and assisting those victims; and*

*WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature takes this problem seriously and has championed programs in many of the county departments and agencies, including the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and the court system; and*

*WHEREAS, in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Erie County Hall will be lit up purple to remind all who pass by county hall of the need for the community to unite and work together to eliminate the scourge of domestic violence and to work together to ensure safety and justice for all residents.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, *that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to proclaim October 2016 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Erie County to shine the light of purple and speak out against domestic violence.*