

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, A.D.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2016

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, to be held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 6th day of October 2016, a resolution will adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th through October 15th to recognize the achievements and contributions of the Hispanic Community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson, it was expanded by President Ronald Reagan on August 17, 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15 to commemorate the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month in WNY is an excellent opportunity for people of all cultural backgrounds to embrace the ethnic diversity and ethnic literacy that makes our community and nation great; and

WHEREAS, the observation of Hispanic Heritage Month in the WNY area is commemorated annually by numerous events, the celebration is coordinated by the Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that exists to foster and inspire awareness, understanding, and appreciation of past, present, and future contributions of the Hispanic Community in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, events planned to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in the WNY began with an annual kick-off event at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Central Branch, the 2016 celebration includes a tribute to Latin dance troupe 'Borinquen Dance Theater' and salsa music artists 'Los Hermanos Morenos' for contributing to the arts for more than 30 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby goes on record to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month 2016 in Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body commends the Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY, Inc. for its commitment to preserving and educating the Erie County community on the rich history and pride of Hispanic culture.

*Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District*

*Karen McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature*