

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 residents of Erie County are deeply grateful to the commitment and sacrifices of our military service people who are asked to leave their families and homes and travel to distant places; and

WHEREAS, military personnel frequently transit through the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport to await connecting flights, many times with family members; and

WHEREAS, having a special place where service personnel and veterans, along with their families, can wait in a welcoming environment that enhances morale and eases the rigors of travel; and

WHEREAS, the Western New York Freedom Lounge has opened at the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport through the generosity of private donations and the community to make this possible, along with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority who has generously provided the private space for the lounge; and

WHEREAS, the WNY Freedom Lounge is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose volunteers will staff the lounge and provide comfort, refreshments, phone and internet access, and support services; and

WHEREAS, the WNY Freedom Lounge is now operating and an official ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 2, 2016 to formally dedicate this private space for military personnel to rest and recreate while awaiting their flights, and for the community to show our collective appreciation to the men and women in the military how grateful we are for their service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize the volunteers of the Western New York Freedom Lounge and to acknowledge their efforts to support and provide comfort to our travelling military personnel and veterans.*