

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
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Dr. James A. Lewis, III, PhD
Erie County Legislature Citizen of the Month for January 2016

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 21st day of January, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, The Erie County Legislature's Citizen of The Month award recognizes outstanding members of the community and among this distinguished group is **REV. JAMES A. LEWIS, III, Ph.D.**; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lewis has long confessed his love and faith in the power of God beginning in 1988 with his Baptist Ordination; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lewis has earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with an emphasis on Counseling and a Master of Arts Degree with a focus on Psychology, Dr. Lewis has also earned a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of San Moritz which is located in London, England; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lewis has used his education and training to assist others in his capacity as Director of Pastoral Care for the Erie County Medical Center where he has served since 1990 providing support and counseling to thousands of patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lewis is hailed as an Overseer of Miracle Missions Full Gospel Church and in this role is recognized as above reproach, faithful to his wife and community, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, and able to lead and teach others; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lewis also serves as a Certified Chief Master Chaplin for the Buffalo Police Department as well as Spiritual Director for Upstate New York Transplant Services while always demonstrating his love and commitment for serving all segments of our community; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lewis is happily married to his best friend, Pastor Zander Lewis and he is a loving father and grandfather as well as a gifted counselor and businessman; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lewis is recognized as one of the most dynamic speakers in the Buffalo community and because of his unique sense of humor and political correctness or lack thereof, he has served as Master of Ceremonies for several major events held in the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lewis's involvement in our community is extensive and includes service on the Boards of Directors of the Legal Aid Society, Buffalo Philharmonic, United Way of Western New York, Western New York Broadcasting Association and the New Life Residential Center. He is a founding member of G.R.O.U.P. Ministries, Inc. and the founder and Executive Director of the Vaughn House Shelter for Men; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time Rev. Lewis chairs the City of Buffalo Zoning Board of Appeals and the Black Leadership Commission on Aids and actively participates with dozens of community groups throughout Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby goes on record to recognize **REV. JAMES A. LEWIS, III** as **CITIZEN OF THE MONTH** for January, 2016 and applauds his commitment and continued willingness to be a servant, minister, counselor and advisor to and on behalf of the citizens of Buffalo and Erie County.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature