

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 20TH, 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 20th 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, the Buffalo Zoo was established in 1875, with its original conception being a deer park in the northeast corner of Frederick Law Olmsted's Delaware Park; and

WHEREAS, spurred on by local donations of animals, the Buffalo Zoo grew rapidly between 1875 and 1930, and attracted great community interest and involvement, which led to the Zoological Society of Buffalo being founded in 1931; and

WHEREAS, the Zoological Society of Buffalo was in charge of working with the City of Buffalo to make improvements to the Buffalo Zoo, which included a major renovation from 1938 to 1942 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) that built buildings using classic period architecture; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, operational responsibilities for the Buffalo Zoo were turned over from the City of Buffalo to the Zoological Society, which assembled a professional staff to provide care and oversight for the Zoo, which led to some important capital projects being completed with improvements continually being made to make the Zoo responsive to the animal's needs and a great venue for family outings, recreation and education; and

WHEREAS, today, the philosophy of the Buffalo Zoo is to exhibit animals and plants in ecological habitats and geographical arrangements that represent the biomes of the world with current programs focusing on providing visitors with a better understanding of the natural world and how animals relate to each other, to their environment and to humankind; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Zoo no longer houses animals solely for the amusement and entertainment of visitors, but rather, are presented to increase awareness for the importance of conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Amherst Chamber of Commerce will honor the Buffalo Zoo as the third oldest institution of its kind in the United States with their Regional Asset Award on October 24, 2016 at the Celebrating Business Excellence Event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge the

Buffalo Zoo

on receiving the Regional Asset Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce, and for their dedication to increase awareness for the importance of conservation for the benefit of both the animal kingdom and the human race.

Thomas A. Loughran
Erie County Legislator, 5th District

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