

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 21, 2016, A.D.**

*Celebrating La Liga de Mujeres Hispanas 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner*

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

*WHEREAS, La Liga de Mujeres Hispanas began its humble journey at the home of Carmen Faccio on Busti Avenue in the City of Buffalo, the group focused on the often unrecognized contributions of women to the ongoing success of the Hispanic community; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1978 Hispanic women Olga Sonia Dávila, Milagros Ray, America Román, & Sarah Norat, along with Carmen Faccio were professionals in the education and journalism fields, they mobilized to share their ideas on how to get Hispanic Women's voices heard and become an asset in the Hispanic community; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1979 Hispanic women Maria Rosa, Olga Mendel & Ana Hidalgo organized to mobilize Hispanic women into developing a Women's organization, the group contacted Carmen Faccio and developed a working list of Hispanic women, mainly professionals from the education field, to formulate the structure of and mission for the Hispanic Professional Women's League; and*

*WHEREAS, the Hispanic Professional Women's League changed its name to La Liga de Mujeres Hispanas to be more inclusive of all Hispanic women in the early 1980's, the group maintained a focus on the issues related to Bilingual Education; and*

*WHEREAS, La Liga de Mujeres Hispanas (Hispanic Women's League) has contributed to the Hispanic community for over 35 years through their annual scholarships awards, their focus on Hispanic women has expanded their opportunities to receive much needed support in their pursuit of higher education, and recognizes the hard work displayed by recipients in accomplishing their goal of higher education.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT***

*RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby goes on record to recognize the Hispanic Women's League's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Celebration; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body commends the Hispanic Women's League for its the dedication to Hispanic women, education, and the Hispanic Community throughout Erie County.*

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*Barbara Miller-Williams  
Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*

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*Karen McCarthy  
Clerk of the Legislature*