

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N. Y., NOVEMBER 3RD, 2016 A.D. ECLEG OCT28'16 AM10:57

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 3rd day of November, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, On December 8th, 1956 Grand Island Lions Club began by hosting a Charter Night, where they installed its first officers; President Thomas Moriarty, 1st Vice President Robert Carpenter, 2nd Vice President Harper Roth, 3rd Vice President Paul McCarthy, Secretary/Treasurer Joseph Pitts, Tail Twister Martin Wolverton and Lion Tamer James Brady; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Lions Club has aided the blind in keeping with Helen Keller's request at the Lions Clubs International Convention in 1925 for Lions to be her "Knights of the Blind"; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Lions Club participates in fund raising events such as White Cane Days, garage sales and Bon-Ton Community Days; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Lions Club offers services to the community including the "loan Close" for distribution of walkers, wheelchairs and other durable medical goods; and in the past 10 years has collected over 10,000 eyeglasses, met over 800 requests for loan closet items, and delivered over 1440 meals to residents through Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Lions Club has collected donations over the past ten years totaling more than \$55,000, which were used for equipment for the Miracle League of Grand Island and WNY and their new Beep Baseball league, scholarships for Grand Island Students, large print books for the Grand Island Memorial Library, food and necessities through the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation and equipment for the Lions Diagnostic Eye Center at the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute in Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Lions Club reached outside the local community and secured a \$75,000 grant from Lions Club International Foundation for the construction of the Miracle League ball diamond on Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Lions Club has sponsored the Special Kids Picnic in July for the past 58 years offering a day of fun to about 800 area children with special needs, treating them to lunch, pony, boat and Shriner Mini Kar Rides, along with face painting and entertainment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend **Grand Island Lions Club** on its 60th Anniversary, and to say thank you for its many years of commitment to the community.

Kevin R. Hardwick
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County