

**A Proclamation Submitted By
Legislator Miller-Williams**

RE: CELEBRATING SABAH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, SABAH (Spirited Athletes Bold at Heart) began as a Buffalo based educational program, the organization has expanded its mission to focus on the diverse therapeutic needs of children and adults challenged by disability; and

WHEREAS, the SABAH organization has established a curriculum based School Day Adaptive Ice Skating program which serves 420 children, the program is the only program of its type in the United States, and meets learning objectives established by New York State Educational Standards & Alternative Assessments for Students with Severe Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, SABAH has partnered with the Children's Guild Foundation to establish the 'Summer Athletes Bold At Heart' program, the program is in its fifth season providing over 450 children challenged with disability and economic disadvantage the opportunity to have year round access to improving independent living and foster healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the innovative School Day and Summer Camp programs, the organization offers several programs for all ages such as adaptive ice hockey to learn basic skating and fundamental hockey skills in a relaxed and non-threatening environment; Turf Sports Summer Camps; Evening, Weekend and Summer Ice Skating Programs; and a Fit and Fun physical education program designed to provide special needs adults with necessary tools for a healthy lifestyle such as socialization, greater independence and increased self-esteem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby pauses in its deliberations to honor SABAH on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, this Honorable Body commends the SABAH organization for its dedication to enriching the lives of individuals challenged by disabilities throughout Erie County.