

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., MARCH 17TH, 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 17th day of March, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four (4) leading causes of death for young persons, ages 10-21; and,

WHEREAS, almost 100,000 people die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides, and suicide; and,

WHEREAS, currently, there are approximately 15 million people in the United States who are dependent on alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, adolescents use alcohol more than tobacco or illicit drugs, and, on average, begin drinking at 13.1 years of age; and,

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and,

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes; and,

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is a major factor in unprotected sex, increasing risk of contracting HIV or other transmitted diseases; and,

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18 (that is more than for sneakers, gum and jeans combined).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize April as Alcohol Awareness Month in conjunction with the Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.*

Lynne M. Dixon
Erie County Legislator – 9th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature