

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, *Earth Day* was first celebrated in 1970, and after 46 years the movement still continues to inspire, challenge ideas, ignite passion, and motivate people to action: giving a voice to an emerging consciousness and channeling human energy toward environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, The first *Earth Day*, held on April 22, 1970, mobilized 20 million Americans from all walks of life. Their actions led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. Today, over one billion people in 192 countries participate in *Earth Day* activities, making it the largest civic observance in the world; and

WHEREAS, Over the next five years, as *Earth Day* moves closer to its 50th anniversary, worldwide efforts are hoping to achieve one of the most ambitious goals yet; planting 7.8 billion trees to represent one tree for every citizen on this planet; and

WHEREAS, By planting trees, as part of an overall strategy, communities mitigate the effects of climate change and pollution, protect biodiversity, and help achieve long-term economic and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie is setting an example with its own Green Initiatives Plan, including efforts to reduce paper consumption, improving efficiencies in water and waste treatments, protecting our waterways and other natural resources, reductions in fossil fuel usage, and improving and expanding county recycling efforts; and

WHEREAS, *Earth Day* is a celebration where government and the private sector can collaborate and engage on ways to protect and improve our county and the quality of life for all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize April 22, 2016 as *Earth Day* in Erie County, and to encourage all citizens to celebrate the day by participating in events and activities such as neighborhood and waterway cleanups or recycling projects that will improve and protect the sustainability of the world that we all live in.