STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, APRIL 14, 2016

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 14th day of April, 2016, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

Recognizing the First Global Meetings Industry Day

WHEREAS, Global Meetings Industry Day is the first global advocacy day to shed light on the value of meetings to people, businesses and communities, and allows the residents of Erie County a time to reflect on the importance and contributions the meeting industry makes to our community; and

WHEREAS, the meeting industry as a whole has a real impact on the economy of Erie County, generating $147 million in future economic impact from meetings and conventions booked in 2015; and

WHEREAS, today, with an increasing dependence on communication via electronic devices, face to face meetings still hold invaluable importance in social and business terms; and

WHEREAS, Visit Buffalo Niagara, a strong asset and advocate for tourism in Western New York, will play a large role in this international event; and

WHEREAS, internationally, the meetings industry creates hundreds of thousands of jobs, generates billions of dollars of revenue and supports communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, hosting an event, convention or tradeshow stimulates this region's economy by bringing in new visitors who stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, shop in neighborhood stores and bring new revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Legislature of Erie County pauses in its deliberations to support the meetings industry for its work in our community and to recognize the first Global Meetings Industry Day.

Hon. Patrick B. Burke
Erie County Legislator, 7th District

Hon. Edward A. Rath III
Erie County Legislator, 6th District

Hon. Lynne M. Dixon
Erie County Legislator, 9th District