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STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

Buffalo, New York, March 22, 2016

*Proclaiming March 27, 2016 to April 2, 2016 as
"Week for Young Audiences in Erie County"*

WHEREAS, In 1962, the local affiliate of Young Audiences was founded by Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra musician Laurence Trott, and several philanthropically and educationally like-minded people; and

WHEREAS, Young Audiences of Western New York's mission is to make the arts a part of young people's lives in order to enhance their development as creative and productive human beings; and

WHEREAS, the Young Audiences of Western New York and other local organizations will come together to honor the contributions that the Young Audiences programs have made in enriching the lives of students, teachers, volunteers, families, and communities during Young Audiences Week, March 27, 2016 to April 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, "Arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students," as was stated in House Resolution 574 of the 2nd Session of the 112th Congress that designated a week in March annually as National Young Audiences Week; and

WHEREAS, "The future belongs to young people with an education and the imagination to create," stated President Barack Obama.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to recognize, honor, and congratulate the Young Audiences of Western New York for supporting the people, programs, and policies that are committed to higher standards of learning as the right choice for children; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature does hereby proclaim March 27, 2016 to April 2, 2016 as the "Week for Young Audiences in Erie County."

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature