

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 28TH, 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 28th day of April, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS, Big Ditch Brewing Company**, *located in downtown Buffalo, was recently named "Best Craft Brewery" in New York among 120 New York breweries who attended the TAP NY craft beer festival held in Hunter, New York; and*

**WHEREAS, Big Ditch Brewing Company** *began as a dream of its founders, Matt Kahn and Corey Catalano, who partnered with Wes Froebel and Paul Iskalo, and opened for business in October 2014 with its Tap Room opening in the summer of 2015; and*

**WHEREAS, Big Ditch Brewing Company** *is named for the Erie Canal, which was built by bare hands, and altered the trajectory of Buffalo and Western New York bringing trade, wealth, prosperity, and pride to our region and embodies the spirit of the Erie Canal through its product line that celebrates our region's roots and serves as a reminder of our bright future; and*

**WHEREAS, Big Ditch Brewing Company** *has enjoyed remarkable success and is expected to triple its brewing capabilities, currently indicated at 5,000 barrels per year, contributing to the further development of Buffalo's Electric District and increased financial investment in Buffalo's continued renaissance.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate Big Ditch Brewing Company, its founders and employees on being the Best Craft Brewery in New York and to further congratulate them on the upcoming first year anniversary of its Tap Room.*