

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NEW YORK, APRIL 28, 2016**

**HONORING DEPUTY VILLAGE OF  
WILLIAMSVILLE CLERK DEBORAH A. HABES**

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** at a regular meeting of the Legislature of Erie County, held in "Old County Hall" in the City of Buffalo, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS**, the Amherst Women's Interclub Council will honor Village of Williamsville Deputy Clerk Deborah A. Habes, at its annual Kentucky Derby Luncheon this May, for her dedication and commitment to raising funds for the Williamsville Public Library; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011 Deborah Habes was invited to serve on the Williamsville Business Association as Chair of the newly created Community Enhancement Committee to forward a mission to bring together Village residents, businesses and the Village government as a unified community force; and

**WHEREAS**, as a village resident since 1977, Deborah Habes has been Village of Williamsville Deputy Clerk since 2001 and previous Village Building Department Clerk from 1991 to 2001, and always found time to volunteer serving as a dedicated member of the Williamsville Business Association (WBA,) on the Board of Directors, and volunteer member of the Village Beautification Committee, as well as the Volunteer Chairman of the Village of Williamsville Garden Walk, and Volunteer Chair of the annual Village\WBA Main Street in Bloom Project making Deborah the ideal person to be of service in this unique role; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah gathered together a few interested Village residents and Williamsville Business Association members to explore ways in which the Community Enhancement Committee could be of assistance to a Village-centered, resident/business-focused activity or entity, ultimately deciding the Williamsville Library's ever-present need for funding was a place to focus their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee Deborah chaired at the WBA decided to continue to support the Village of Williamsville Library, operating with limited hours due to local efforts - by starting the 'Love your Village; Love your Library' movement and presented the inaugural 'Gala Fundraiser' inside the Williamsville Library in February 2012, which they soon outgrew when fellow WBA member Calvary Episcopal Church, located in the heart of the Village, offered them the use of their beautiful and spacious Church Hall, where they have celebrated five years of increasing success for this signature Village-centric event; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah and the Community Enhancement Committee of the WBA have been instrumental in raising resources that provide additional services and materials to the Library through their annual Williamsville Business Association Library Fundraiser 'Love Your Village, Love Your Library' Fundraiser Gala, and report that through their volunteer efforts and the enthusiastic and generous support of Village and local businesses, residents and the community-at-large, have raised thousands of dollars solely for the support of the Williamsville Branch, and allowing the Williamsville Library, a Main Street fixture for over 100 years, to continue to provide meaningful service to hundreds of patrons each week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature pause in their deliberations to note the dedication to Village and Businesses and Residents of Williamsville embodied by the efforts of Deborah A. Habes both professionally and personally and congratulates her on the occasion of receiving the recognition for her service from the Amherst Women's Interclub Council.

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**Hon. Thomas A. Loughran**  
*Minority Leader*  
*Erie County Legislator, 5<sup>th</sup> District*

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**Karen M. McCarthy**  
*Clerk of the Erie County Legislature*