

# 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, James M. McCullough is a lifelong resident of West Seneca; 1976 graduate of West Seneca East High School; and a 1982 graduate from Niagara County Community College where he majored in professional chef curriculum and went on to work as a line cook for Roswell Park Cancer Institute until 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, James M. McCullough joined the Vigilant Fire Company in West Seneca on February 14, 1977, where he earned the Fire Aide of the Year Award in 1982 and the Fireman of the Year Award in 1992, and where he has served in the offices of Secretary from 1980 to 1988; EMS Lieutenant in 1983 and 1984; EMS Captain in 1985; Chief from 1986 to 1989 and from 1992 to 1993; and was Fire Commissioner from 1994 to 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, James M. McCullough started working for the Town of West Seneca Fire, Police, Medical, and Public Dispatch Center in September 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, James M. McCullough also taught for the Erie County Department of Emergency Medical Services as a practical work instructor, teaching EMS to the Buffalo Fire Department in 1986 and 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, James M. McCullough was a daily coordinator for the Western New York Stress Reduction Program, which was formed in 1987 to minimize stress related injury to fire, police, emergency medical services, disaster and hospital emergency department personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, James M. McCullough became the Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services, Fire Safety Division for the County of Erie on February 6, 2000, where his duties included coordination of Fire Training for 94 Volunteer Fire Departments and about 6,000 firefighters; the response to multiple alarm fires and disasters within the Western New York region and any large scale Hazard Material incidents in Erie County; and managing the Fire Safety Office, including 29 part-time Fire Instructors and 23 State Fire Instructors, the Erie County Fire Safety Radio repair shop in Chestnut Ridge Park, the Erie County Mutual Aid System, and the three Fire Training facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, James M. McCullough has been active in the following emergency related organizations: New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, since 1985; Erie County Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Organization, since 1987; Erie County District Officers Association, since 1997 and currently serves as first vice president; Erie County Fire Advisory Board Member, since 1999; and the West Seneca Fire Chiefs Association, since 1983, where he has served as secretary, treasurer and president; and

**WHEREAS**, James M. McCullough retired as Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services, Fire Safety Division for the County of Erie on April 25, 2016.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT***

***RESOLVED***, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge

***James M. McCullough***

*for all of his accomplishments and his many contributions to the community and leadership in many capacities.*

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**JOHN J. MILLS**  
*Chairman of the  
Erie County Legislature*

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**THOMAS A. LOUGHRAN**  
*Minority Leader of the  
Erie County Legislature*

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**JOSEPH C. LORIGO**  
*Majority Leader of the  
Erie County Legislature*

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**BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS**  
*Erie County Legislator*

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**EDWARD A. RATH, III**  
*Erie County Legislator*

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**PETER J. SAVAGE III**  
*Erie County Legislator*

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**KEVIN R. HARDWICK**  
*Erie County Legislator*

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**BETTY JEAN GRANT**  
*Erie County Legislator*

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**TED B. MORTON**  
*Erie County Legislator*

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**PATRICK B. BURKE**  
*Erie County Legislator*

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**LYNNE M. DIXON**  
*Erie County Legislator*

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**KAREN M. MCCARTHY**  
*Clerk of the Erie County Legislature*