

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

*Honoring the Kiwanis Club of Buffalo's
Centennial Anniversary*

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1916 under the leadership of Albert Dodge who served as the first Charter President of the Buffalo Kiwanis Club, countless dedicated men and women have served the Western New York community through their service in the Kiwanis Club of Buffalo with particular focus on the club's driving mission which is "serving the children of the world"; and

WHEREAS, due to the election of Albert Dodge as the national organization's first secretary, the headquarters of Kiwanis International was located in Buffalo for the first four years of the organization's existence; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Kiwanis immerse themselves in service to our community, not limited to the Aktion Club which provides adults with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership; the Niagara Frontier Camp Kiwanis which hosts 50 children with learning disabilities annually for a week of fun, making friends, learning about nature, and developing life skills; and Gliding Stars which provides unique skating experiences for children with developmental disabilities which teaches teamwork and social interaction that culminates in the end of season Ice Extravaganza Performance; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Kiwanis Club is proud of all their activities, they are especially proud of hundreds of high school and college age students that have been actively involved in the Key Club providing invaluable service and leadership in our community and the Buffalo Club's multi-year fundraising campaign that endowed Women and Children Hospital Pediatric Trauma Center with a grant of over \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Kiwanis Club provides vital support to Cornerstone Manor which provides secure, food and clothing shelter for women and children in a Christ-centered resident recovery centered resident recovery program; and

WHEREAS, because of the sponsorship of the Buffalo Club, the Kiwanis Club became an international organization when a chapter was created in Hamilton, Ontario which allowed the Kiwanis Club's mission to be spread to every inhabitable continent across the globe; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that when a Kiwanis Club has a presence in any town, village or city, the services provided to the community enrich the lives of hundreds of citizens in that community, as these services have done for the residents of Buffalo for over a century; and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club members have six permanent objects which were approved at the Kiwanis International Convention in 1924 which are to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values in life; to encourage the daily living of the Golden Rules in all human relationships; to promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards; to develop more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship, to provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities, and to cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, as a worldwide organization, the Kiwanis Club has grown to over half a million members all dedicated to their mission of "Serving the Children of the World;" and

WHEREAS, on April 30th, 2016, the Kiwanis Club of Buffalo will celebrate its 100th anniversary at the Adam's Mark Hotel with the Keynote Speaker of the celebration being Kiwanis International Family President Sue Petrisin, the first woman to lead the international organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Buffalo for its 100th Anniversary and its impact on our Western New York community.

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

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk, Erie County Legislature