

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 12TH, 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 12th day of May, 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, *Thomas J. Dearing has enjoyed a 42 year career with the County of Erie, effectively serving the residents with distinction and diligence; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas J. Dearing provided valuable insight into county projects, including the Community Block Grant Program, development of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in planning initiatives, and the Buffalo and Erie County Land Bank; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas J. Dearing's reputation as an astute county planner was the reason he was appointed to lead the implementation of the Riverwalk and to his being appointed the County's lead representative in the construction of the Flickinger Athletic Center at Erie Community College's City Campus; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas J. Dearing rose through the ranks of the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning and in 2014 was named Commissioner, where he led four divisions that had more than 100 employees; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas J. Dearing is a graduate of Bishop Neumann High School, Canisius College and Ohio State University, and has received awards from the American Planning Association and the New York Planning Federation; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas J. Dearing has been well respected for his extensive knowledge by this honorable body as an invaluable member of the County's planning team.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to extend deep gratitude and appreciation to Thomas J. Dearing for his service to the County of Erie, and to congratulate him on his retirement.*