

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, MAY 12, 2016

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 12 day of May, 2016, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, in the early morning of May 6, 2016, a fire broke out at a home on Moselle Street in the City of Buffalo, and Buffalo Firefighters responded quickly and admirably; and

WHEREAS, immediately recognizing the severity of the blaze and the possibility that victims could be trapped inside, four brave firefighters from Ladder 14 rushed into the burning house before fire hoses were set up to begin a search and rescue mission; and

WHEREAS, when the four firefighters reached the second floor, they split up into two teams, and upon searching a bedroom, Firefighter Tom O'Leary found an unconscious woman and carried her down the stairs and out of the house where CPR was administered; and

WHEREAS, the relentless flames melted O'Leary's breathing apparatus, making the rescue that much more incredible, and showing what the four firefighters were up against in the burning structure; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and first responders, in the City of Buffalo and across Erie County, often deserve commendation for their work yet rarely seek it, selflessly rushing into dangerous situations with incomplete information for the sake of saving strangers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to applaud the work of Firefighter Tom O'Leary, his brothers in Ladder 14, and all first responders at the scene of the May 6 fire on Moselle Street for their courageous and selfless acts.

Hon. Patrick B. Burke
Erie County Legislator, 7th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk, Erie County Legislature