

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 27, 2017, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, Erie County residents demonstrate their spirit of compassion through the donation of organs, tissues, stem cells, and blood; and

**WHEREAS**, April has been declared "Donate Life Month" throughout the nation and resolutions have been passed in counties throughout New York encouraging residents to participate in organ donation; and

**WHEREAS**, each individual donor has the potential to save up to 8 lives through organ donation and improve 75 lives through tissue donation; and

**WHEREAS**, nationwide there are over 118,000 people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, across Western New York there is a severe shortage of organ donors with over 10,000 New Yorkers on the waiting list, and during Donate Life Month, officials aim to educate the public about donating; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has the 41st lowest participation rate in organ donation, a statistic that needs to be changed thus saving lives; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of April, all Erie County Auto Bureau locations offer convenient opportunities to register as a donor, to help increase the state's donor rate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to proclaim April 2017 as Donate Life Month in Erie County.

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**Ted B. Morton**  
**Erie County Legislator – 8<sup>th</sup> District**

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