

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., JUNE 7, 2018 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 7th day of June, 2018 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

Designating June 15 as “Elder Abuse Awareness Day” in Erie County

WHEREAS, older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, June 15, 2018 marks the annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS, the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and the Erie County Legislature recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, as our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and

WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities, thus reducing the likelihood of abuse; and

WHEREAS, where there is justice there can be no abuse, NCEA and this Honorable Body urges all people to restore justice by honoring older adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to proclaim June 15, 2018 as “***Elder Abuse Awareness Day***” in Erie County, and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.