

# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2018, A.D.

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**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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Erie County Legislature to honor and pay tribute to individuals that enrich their community, and to such concern and, in full accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative body is justly proud to honor and recognize **Mary A. Stang-Cooke**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mary A. Stang-Cooke** was born in Perrysburg, New York, the second of nine children to Werner and Olive Stang, and is the wife of Jeff Cooke and mother of Jeff, Jr., Jesse, Cap and James and proud grandmother of eight; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mary A. Stang-Cooke** graduated from Gowanda High School, where she was a 4-H member and earned a National 4-H Scholarship, and then attended the State University of New York at Buffalo and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics Education and continued her education at Niagara University to earn a Master of Science Degree in Foundations in Teaching; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mary A. Stang-Cooke** has used her education by teaching in public schools from 1981 thru 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mary A. Stang-Cooke** was elected and served as Town of Grand Island Councilwoman from 1994 thru 2011, where she served as Deputy Supervisor from 1995 to 1997, and was elected Supervisor of the Town of Grand Island in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, as Supervisor, **Mary A. Stang-Cooke** completed a town-wide full value assessment project, maintained town's excellent band rating, negotiated five year Collective Bargaining Agreements for two unions, implemented the 95 gallon covered wheeled card for recycling, and secured many grants for the Town, including monies for the West Five Trail, Fisherman's Landing, and Buckhorn State Park and many others; and served on the Special District Committee, Historic Preservation Advisory Board, Human Rights Commission, Sidewalk and Bikepath Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mary A. Stang-Cooke** also served the community on the Friends of Grand Island Memorial Library Board, Grand Island Historical Society, St. Stephen's Church, Grand Island School Business Alliance (GISBA), and the Grand Island Relay for Life: Survivor Tent.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and honor **Mary A. Stang-Cooke** as the Erie County Legislature Citizen of the Month for April, 2018 for her dedication and unselfish service to the Town of Grand Island and the County of Erie.

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**Kevin R. Hardwick**  
Erie County Legislator - 4<sup>th</sup> District

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**Robert M. Graber**  
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature