

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 10, 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 10th day of May, 2018 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

*WHEREAS*, It is the intention of this honorable body to raise **Lyme Disease** awareness in Erie County to inform citizens of the symptoms and preventative measures that can be taken to prevent future contractions of **Lyme Disease**; and

*WHEREAS*, The Erie County Legislature hereby designates May 2018 as **Lyme Disease Awareness Month**; and

*WHEREAS*, According to the Erie County Health Department Vector and Surveillance & Control Field Laboratory, **Lyme Disease** should be considered a public health threat in Erie County; and

*WHEREAS*, **Lyme Disease**- carrying ticks can be found in all counties of Western New York and can carry at least 15 other pathogens that can be transmitted within minutes of a bite, and result in a bacteria, parasitic, or viral infection; and

*WHEREAS*, Most people contract the disease through the small bites of immature ticks called nymphs, less than two millimeters in size and most active in the springtime, their bites are nearly painless; and

*WHEREAS*, **Lyme Disease** is a complex, multi-system illness, which if caught early can be treated with antibiotics, but if left untreated can invade the nervous system, heart and multiple organs of the body causing years of pain, suffering, severe disability, and even death; and

*WHEREAS*, **Lyme Disease** travels through the bloodstream and establishes itself in various bodily tissues, which can cause a number of symptoms that include fever, chills, sweats, muscle aches, fatigue, nausea, joint or muscle pain, stiffness or swelling, headache, and a rash radiating from the tick bite that may be characteristic of a bullseye pattern; and

*WHEREAS*, Diagnosis is made based on the manifestation of the physical systems associated with the disease, and occasionally laboratory testing; and

*WHEREAS*, **Lyme Disease** can be prevented in various ways, such as using insect repellent, removing ticks promptly, and applying pesticides to reduce the tick habitat; and

*WHEREAS*, LymeWNY is a Facebook page that provides advocacy and education to our WNY community, as well as offer support and encouragement for victims and their families; and

*WHEREAS*, It is the hope of this honorable body for residents of Erie County to know the risk factors, symptoms, and treatment of **Lyme Disease** so proper precautions can be made in treating and preventing the contraction of the disease; and

*WHEREAS, Through awareness, knowledge, and proactivity, we help curb the spread of Lyme Disease across Erie County, the northeast, and the entire United States.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT***

***RESOLVED, that this legislative body pauses in its deliberations to recognize May 2018 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Erie County.***

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***Joseph C. Lorigo***  
***Erie County Legislator – 10<sup>th</sup> District***

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