

# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

**BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2019, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS,** the Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** there are more than 30 million small businesses in the United States that employ almost 59 million workers, more than one-third of our country's labor force, and are responsible for generating the most work, creating two out of every three new jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** local Chamber of Commerce organizations, like the Amherst Chamber of Commerce, are networks that assist these business enterprises, and help advocate for and promote business interests to help strengthen the business community and the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** the Amherst Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Small Business Awards Luncheon and Showcase to highlight standout small businesses in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Fresh Catch Poke Co., was founded by Mike Tobin and opened in 2018, featuring the Hawaiian delicacy of raw fish; and

**WHEREAS,** Fresh Catch Poke Co. stood out from the crowd with its creative branding and marketing, unique, tasty fare and its commitment to use only sustainable, eco-friendly fish partners; and

**WHEREAS,** Fresh Catch Poke Co. has worked hard to ensure that the restaurant is Eat REAL® certified, a designation reserved as a nationally-recognized mark of excellence for food and foodservice operators committed to holistic nutrition and environmental stewardship; and

**WHEREAS,** Fresh Catch Poke Co. has one simple commitment: although their sources may change based on seasonable availability, every fish used is sourced from a sustainable, eco-friendly partner; and

**WHEREAS,** Fresh Catch Poke Co. received the New Small Business Award at the 2019 Amherst Chamber of Commerce Small Business Awards Luncheon and Showcase.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** that this legislative body pauses in its deliberations on May 23, 2019, to recognize and congratulate Fresh Catch Poke Co. on receiving the 2019 New Small Business Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce, and to wish them continued success.

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**Edward A. Rath, III**  
*Erie County Legislator, 6<sup>th</sup> District*

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**Thomas A. Loughran**  
*Erie County Legislator, 5<sup>th</sup> District*