

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., JUNE 20TH, 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 20th day of June, 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, *Judy Moore, having grown up in Tonawanda, moved to Akron, New York twenty-three years ago in 1996; and*

WHEREAS, *Judy Moore, has been a member on numerous boards in the community including the Akron Newstead Senior Center Inc. board as secretary since 2013; was an active member, secretary and treasurer from 2013 to 2017 for the former Akron Newstead Community Coalition (ANCC); and*

WHEREAS, *Judy Moore is a founding member of the Building Unity Through Community: Akron-Newstead organization, which started as a sub-committee of the ANCC, but whose mission and activity changed, and it became its own entity and is still very much active in the community today, offering the community connections to support services, and through hosting the Independent Health Foundation's Good for the Neighborhood events, providing free health screenings, free farmer's market, wellness resources, and offers support services from area community partners; and*

WHEREAS, *in August of 2017, Judy Moore established a Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Release (TNVR) program in Quarry Hill Estates in Akron, NY, to help combat the issue of stray, or feral, cat overpopulation in the area; and*

WHEREAS, *Judy Moore held community informational meetings with the residents on feral cats, spayed and neutered several located around the Quarry Hill Estates by October 2017, participated in the Building Unity Through Community: Akron-Newstead's Resource Fair to expand community awareness of TNVR program, and educated the community on the importance of spaying and neutering of their pets; and*

WHEREAS, *Judy Moore became involved in the St. Aidan's Pet Food Cupboard, which assists low income families and senior citizens living in the Alden, NY and surrounding areas with feeding their dogs and cats; and*

WHEREAS, *such volunteering led Judy Moore to begin implementing a similar program in Akron, having participated at the Akron Newstead Senior Center's Treats & Sweets Night by raising funds through selling home-made dog biscuits, leashes, collars and feeding bowls, and where through St. Aidan's Pet Food Cupboard, Judy handed out "angel packages" of treats and food for dogs and cats to fifteen families for Christmas in 2017; and*

WHEREAS, *Judy Moore's TNVR program, along with her volunteer work with St. Aidan's Pet Food Cupboard, helped create the Akron-Newstead, and now Clarence, Tender Paws Free Pet Food Pantry organization in May of 2018, a 501c3 organization, whose mission is to keep people and pets together by providing free pet foods for low-income residents and seniors; to bridge the gap between youths and seniors; to educate individuals about neutering pets about the Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program; and*

WHEREAS, *Judy Moore is not only compassionate about animals and helping to keep people and pets together, she also cares about those in need, having given of her own resources to ensure that over the past five years fifty-one students and families were given gifts for Christmas; she volunteers with the C Dee Wright Center, which provides activities for youths and adults, and is also the host location of the Akron-Newstead-Clarence Tender Paws Free Pet Food Pantry; started a Student Volunteer Work Program within the food pantry; works with the Clarence Youth Bureau on numerous volunteer initiatives for the pantry and other events in the community; and she became the leader of the "Quarry Hill Resident Organization" that helps residents understand their rights as a mobile home park tenant and is the representative of park residents in management disputes; and*

WHEREAS, *Judy Moore understands the value of having seniors and youth connect, having started the Akron Newstead Bike-a-Thon event with then Akron Newstead Senior Center Director Debbie Sabbatis, which looks to connect the youth with seniors at the center while advocating for healthier lifestyle choices and activities for both; and*

WHEREAS, *Judy Moore's leadership and initiatives have been in response to a recognized need in the community, and her gift of self to enhance the lives of others is remarkable and puts a face to Western New York's good neighbor character.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge Judy Moore as the Erie County Legislature Citizen of the Month, June 2019, for her many contributions to the community and leadership in many capacities.*

Edward A. Rath, III
Erie County Legislator, 6th District

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Clerk of the Erie County Legislature