

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 11TH, 2013, 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 11th day of April, 2013, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, *Teresa Hooper* is a resident of Grand Island, wife of Michael, mother of Luke and step-mother of Zack and Sabrina; and

WHEREAS, *Teresa Hooper* graduated from Mount Saint Mary Academy in 1986, earned her associates degree in chemistry and psychology from Villa Maria College in 1988, and attended Canisius College before earning her Associates Degree in Nursing from Trocaire College in 1994; and

WHEREAS, *Teresa Hooper* is currently employed by the Catholic Health Systems as a Clinic Nurse at the Ken-Ton Family Clinic; and

WHEREAS, *Teresa Hooper* began volunteering for SABAH at the age of 14 and continued for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, *Teresa Hooper* went on to work with her mother, Gail Sander, along with Elizabeth O'Donnell, with Gliding Stars, providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity to increase their personal potential through development of ice skating skills; and

WHEREAS, *Teresa Hooper*, with the support of McMahon's Family Restaurant, led the formation of the Miracle League of Grand Island, raising over \$750,000 from organizations such as the Sabres Alumni, Sabres Foundation, Lions Club and Rotary Club to build a baseball field that provides a safe environment for handicapped individuals, ranging from as young as three to the adult athlete in the fifty and older crowd, allowing them to enjoy America's favorite pastime while accommodating their walkers, wheelchairs and their service dogs; and

WHEREAS, *Teresa Hooper*, through hard work and diligence, helped to open the Miracle League of Grand Island and Western New York in 2011, with the first official game in the spring of 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and honor *Teresa Hooper* as the Erie County Legislature's April 2013 Citizen of the Month and for her devotion, dedication and hard work to make the Miracle League what it is today.

Kevin R. Hardwick
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature