

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 11TH, 2013 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 11th day of April 2013, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, transplantation is one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of medicine, the organs and tissues from a single donor can help as many as fifty recipients and;

WHEREAS, with compassion and exceptional generosity, organ and tissue donors leave an indelible mark on the lives of countless Americans, as their selfless acts inspire hope at moments of profound need, and reflects the giving spirit that lies at the heart of our national character, and;

WHEREAS, the need for donors is greater than ever before, and even as millions of Americans choose to donate life, our nation continues to face a shortage of donors that impacts patients and families across our country and;

WHEREAS, the month of April is **National Donate Life Month**, a time designated nationally to help raise awareness about the critical need for organ, eye, tissue, marrow and blood donors and inspire people to register their decision to donate life, and;

WHEREAS, every day in April, people across the U.S. make a special effort to celebrate the tremendous generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming donors and to encourage more Americans to follow their fine example, and;

WHEREAS, **UNYTS**, with an ongoing tradition of excellence, strives to be the recognized leader in the multi-faceted delivery of exceptional donor centered organ, tissue, eye and blood donation services to the Western New York community, and;

WHEREAS, during **National Donate Life Month**, Americans are encouraged to become organ and tissue donors and more than 2.5 million of New Yorkers are applauded for having already enrolled in the New York State Donate Life Registry to indicate their wish to become organ and tissues donors in the event of their death,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge April as **National Donate Life Month** and recognize **UNYTS** as a leader organ, tissue, eye and blood donation services to the Western New York community.

Joseph C. Lorigo
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Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County