

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**

**BUFFALO, NY, MAY 21, 2020**

*In Honor and Remembrance of*  
*Joseph G. Giambra*

**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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on May 14, 2020, removed from our midst *Joseph Giambra* in whose death we have lost a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend; and

**WHEREAS**, *Joseph Giambra*, beloved husband of Shirley (nee Tomaselli) and father of Gregory and the late Michele Giambra and grandfather of Gregory, Jr. and Kyle Richardson was born on the Lower West Side of Buffalo, New York on October 31, 1933; and

**WHEREAS**, *Joseph Giambra* was one of the most beloved persons in the City of Buffalo: an actor, playwright, filmmaker, poet, jazz trumpeter, singer, composer, lyricist, band leader, gourmet chef educator and author of four books, including the print and audio biography of Russell J. Salvatore; and

**WHEREAS**, *Joseph Giambra* was police officer with the Buffalo Police Department rising from the ranks of street cop to detective sergeant from 1963 to 1983 while working in the kitchen of his popular Hard Times Café on Hertel Avenue serving delicious Italian cuisine between 1974 and 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, *Joseph Giambra* will be best remembered for his love of music. In his early twenties he led the band at The Chez Ami and his worked as a professional actor, appearing in several movies, including Marshall, Hide in Plain Site, Cold Brook, Buffalo '66 and his last film, Prick'd; and

**WHEREAS**, *Joseph Giambra* last year, was able to complete a one-year odyssey that produced his timeless music CD, "Legacy: Up Close and Personal".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature expresses its sympathy and condolences to the Giambra family and the many people he touched throughout his life, and may they rest assured that Joseph has received his eternal and glorified reward in Heaven, having heard the consoling words of our Heavenly Father, "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"

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**Hon. Frank J. Todaro**  
*Erie County Legislator, 8<sup>th</sup> District*

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