

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., JULY 22, 2021, 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 22nd day of July, 2021 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Celebrating Four Decades of Local Journalism at the Akron Bugle**

**WHEREAS**, in a world where knowledge is power, and truth and accountability are foundational to a healthy community, newspapers play a vital role in educating and informing our citizenry on a wide array of global, national, state, and local topics including politics and government, sports, the economy, social issues, entertainment, and community events; and

**WHEREAS**, enlightened communities have long recognized that newspapers, particularly community newspapers, are great civic assets, especially when they are owned and operated locally, and they exist not to maximize profits but to serve their readers and the towns, villages, and hamlets where they reside; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1981, **Ken and Marilynn Kasperek** began publishing the *Akron Bugle*, and the July 1, 2021 edition marked the completion of their first 40 years in print; and

**WHEREAS**, as the official newspaper of the Town of Newstead, the Village of Akron and the Akron Central School District, the *Akron Bugle* clearly states their purpose and mission on the front page of every edition with the headlines "Your Hometown Newspaper" and "We're Working For You"; and

**WHEREAS**, for the last four decades, the *Akron Bugle* has become a staple of the community, and the preferred source for Newstead and Akron residents to go for local news, community events, notable moments in history, local sports teams and the opinions of their neighbors and public and private sector leaders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Erie County Legislature pause in our deliberations to congratulate **Ken and Marilynn Kasperek** on 40 years of publishing the *Akron Bugle*, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the members of the Erie County Legislature express our sincere thanks to **Ken and Marilynn Kasperek** and the *Akron Bugle* for their outstanding contributions to a free press and our quality of life in our community while extending our sincere best wishes for another successful 40 years in print.

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**CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE**  
*Erie County Legislator, District 6*