

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NY, JULY 22, 2021

*Recognizing Angel Swann on being Honored as
The Amherst Chamber of Commerce MWBE Business of the Year*

WHEREAS, *Angel Swann* is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, a very unique store located at 8584 Transit Road, East Amherst, New York; and

WHEREAS, Angel was born in Trinidad and at the age of 10, she moved to New York City and attended John Dewey High School in Brooklyn and was a top student, graduating as valedictorian of her intermediate school, IS2; and

WHEREAS, she began her post-secondary education at Clarkson University in Potsdam and later made her way across the state to attend University of Rochester to major in Biochemistry; and

WHEREAS, Angel got into the wild bird business when she found robin eggs in her backyard with her husband Robert Vezina Sr.; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her interest in birds, Bob bought Angel a birdhouse and she became completely fascinated, which led to the couple creating their very own shop in East Amherst; and

WHEREAS, Wild Birds Unlimited sells backyard bird feeders, birdhouses, and other supplies for bird feeding hobbyists; and

WHEREAS, Wild Birds Unlimited of East Amherst also hosts public programs almost every month to educate people about bird feeding, butterflies and holiday seasons; and

WHEREAS, after months of sacrifice and devotion to her craft, Wild Birds Unlimited of East Amherst has grown the last four years and Angel credits the relationships she has with the customers and the outreach and educating the community on the importance of a healthy bird ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic created many challenges for small businesses and Angel answered the challenge head on by working hard, shifting to online sales with delivery, creating new services such as cleaning bird feeders, and building trust by constantly communicating with customers; and

WHEREAS, Angel has prepared herself for this journey as a business owner from her experiences, tireless hours of preparation, and constant networking to ensure that the Wild Birds Unlimited of East Amherst remains a viable resource to the community she loves and cherishes dearly for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Angel has been thoroughly working to take advantage of every available opportunity for the purpose of continually advancing the business to the next level as a household name and international brand.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby recognize and extend our congratulations and well-deserved praise to *Angel Swann* for being honored as the Amherst Chamber of Commerce (where she is an active member) for MWBE Business of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body extends our appreciation to Angel for her dedication to her community and the impact she will continue to have throughout Erie County as she continues to build her clientele.

Hon. Jeanne M. Vinal
Erie County Legislator, 5th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature