

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

*Honoring the St. Joseph Campus for Sister of Charity Hospital's COVID  
Unit as Citizen of the Month for July 2021*

**WHEREAS**, now more than ever, we owe an eternal gratitude to our warriors, heroes, caretakers, and health care providers who fought to save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, since Catholic Health converted *The St. Joseph Campus for Sisters of Charity Hospital* in Cheektowaga hospital into a dedicated coronavirus treatment facility on March 26, 2020, this facility has provided endless and devoted care for coronavirus patients, which made this facility the first hospital in New York State dedicated to treating COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, within one week's time, the hospital's conversion provided a fully functioning hospital of 18 bed emergency room, 3 medical units totaling 62 beds, a 6-bed ICU, 10 OR's and multiple outpatient services that were vital for this hospital to operate in safe manner; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, this hospital closed their ER, converted additional space for a total of 88 medical beds and also made necessary space to include 90+ ICU beds, all within a week's time; and

**WHEREAS**, for safety protocol, staff of the COVID Unit developed a model of "Zoning" in the hospital that included green zones (no PPE required), yellow zones (certain PPE required) and red zones (full PPE required); and

**WHEREAS**, after each discharge, staff would play music of celebration to include Rachel Platten's "Fight Song" and other inspirational songs; and

**WHEREAS**, health care workers of this COVID Unit have sacrificed so much for Erie County and spent countless hours on the frontlines of the deadliest pandemic during our generation; and

**WHEREAS**, this facility has successfully treated over 3,190 patients with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, we truly owe special recognition and praise to the St. Joseph Campus of Cheektowaga COVID Unit for working tirelessly to help our youth, adults, and elders to improve and maintain their physical and mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Erie County Legislature to honor and proudly commend the entire COVID Unit of *The St. Joseph Campus for Sisters of Charity Hospital* going above and beyond to perform an essential role during the worst of the pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby honor *The St. Joseph Campus for Sisters of Charity Hospital's COVID Unit* as the Erie County Legislature's Citizen of the Month for July 2021 for their exceptional care, dedication and service to the Erie County community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Hon. Timothy J. Meyers**  
*Erie County Legislator, 7<sup>th</sup> District*

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