

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y. 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, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, *Robert D. Gioia*, born in Buffalo in 1948, became part of the third generation of the Gioia family to operate the Gioia Macaroni Company when he began his career in 1970; and

WHEREAS, *Robert D. Gioia* is married to Sally and they have been blessed with three children, Allison, Lauren, and Carolyn; and two grandchildren, Lily and Jack; and

WHEREAS, *Robert D. Gioia* was a principal with the Food Group of Strategic Investments and Holdings, Inc., one of the most experienced equity acquisition firms in the nation; and

WHEREAS, *Robert D. Gioia* has committed his life to advancing the Western New York region through dedicated leadership roles in many organizations including the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Nichols School, Martin House Restoration Corporation, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, St. Lawrence University, and many more; and

WHEREAS, *Robert D. Gioia* was appointed President of The John R. Oishei Foundation in 2007 to continue the foundation's mission to be a catalyst for change to enhance economic vitality and the quality of life for the Buffalo Niagara region. The Foundation is one of the largest and most comprehensive private foundations in Western New York; and

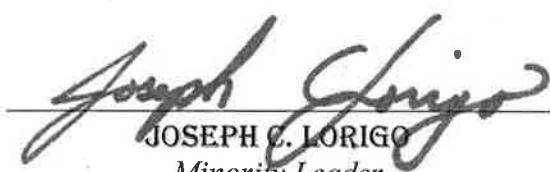
WHEREAS, *Robert D. Gioia* and his leadership team directed more than 2,300 grants totaling \$240 million to benefit areas of education, healthcare, neighborhood stabilization, self-sufficiency, and the arts, culture and heritage in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, *Robert D. Gioia* led the Foundation to support some of the most notable and consequential projects in the region including developments on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus such as UB's Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and moving the John R. Oishei Children's Hospital to the campus. Other support was given to Buffalo's waterfront, Albright-Knox Art Gallery expansion, the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, and more.

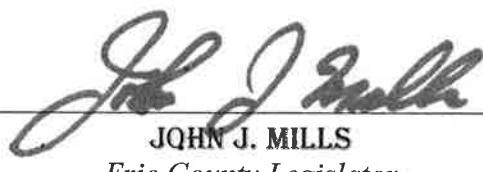
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize *Robert D. Gioia* on his retirement from the John R. Oishei Foundation and thank him for his leadership and significant contributions to the Western New York Community.

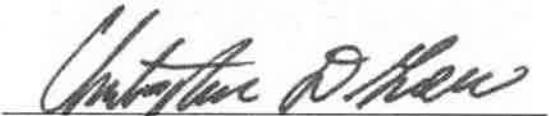
IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE.



JOSEPH C. LORIGO
Minority Leader
Erie County Legislator
10th District



JQHN J. MILLS
Erie County Legislator
11th District



CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE
Erie County Legislator
6th District



FRANK J. TODARO
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