

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 29, 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 29th day of April, 2021, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Erie County Legislature to honor and pay tribute to individuals that enrich their community, and to such concern and, in full accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative body is justly proud to honor and recognize **David Ljiljanich**; and

WHEREAS, **David Ljiljanich** is a lifelong resident of the City of Tonawanda, son of George and the late Deborah Ljiljanich; husband of Monica, and proud father of Emma, Lily, and Luke; and

WHEREAS, **David Ljiljanich** graduated from Tonawanda High School in 1995, and attended Erie County Community College and the State University of New York College at Buffalo, studying Criminal Justice and Police Science; and

WHEREAS, **David** has served his community as a soccer coach with the Tonawanda Soccer Club for about 5 years coaching boys and girls ages 8-12; and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Ljiljanich** is known in Tonawanda for his good humor and for being an all-around good guy; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed to the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division in September 1997, serving until July 2001; and

WHEREAS, **David** joined the Tonawanda Police Department in July 2001, and has served as the DARE Officer, School Resource Officer, Accident Investigator, Firearms Instructor, Taser Instructor, Evidence Collection, General Topics Instructor and Juvenile Officer, and Detective in 2013; and

WHEREAS, **Detective Ljiljanich** has been assigned to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force since December 2017; and

WHEREAS, **Detective David Ljiljanich** was called to work on the morning of May 26, 2020 to investigate a possible homicide and while investigating the incident he was assaulted by the homicide suspect and suffered several serious gunshot wounds to his torso. Despite coming under attack, Detective Ljiljanich and Lt. Brian Scarpena, Officer Eric Foels, Captain Fredric Foels, Captain Jamin Butcher and Lt. Scott Sheehan were able to successfully apprehend the suspect and Fire Captain Shane Mast focused on the Detective's safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and honor **Detective David Ljiljanich** as the Erie County Legislature's Citizen of the Month for April 2021, commending him for his dedication and unselfish service to his family, the City of Tonawanda and the County of Erie.

Kevin R. Hardwick
Erie County Legislator - 4th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature