

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
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In Remembrance of Thomas A. Newman

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on December 17, 2021, removed from our midst *Thomas A. Newman* in whose death we have lost a loving husband, father, grandfather, valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a leader, kind and devoted member; and

WHEREAS, *Thomas A. Newman*, a lifelong resident of the City of Tonawanda was born at DeGraff Memorial Hospital in North Tonawanda on May 7, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Thomas graduated from Tonawanda High School in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Tom started his career in the construction industry, where his experience blossomed into a career as successful electrician and project supervisor for his family business, Newman Electric, which is based in the City of Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Newman began his public service in 2018, winning a special election for the City of Tonawanda 1st Ward Common Council seat, the area of the city where he had lived all but two years of his life; and

WHEREAS, Thomas won his re-election in 2019, and as a testament to his hard work on behalf of his constituents, he won his third election this past November; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Newman also served his community as a coach of a number of youth sports teams in Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, Tom was a life member of the National Hose Company and was an active volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, he loved playing golf, cheering on the Buffalo Bills and adoring his two young granddaughters, AnnaBella and Kinsley; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years in his community, Tom became a strong advocate for emergency services along with the health & well-being of City of Tonawanda residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Newman was also known for being charismatic, honesty, kindness and his generous spirit; and

WHEREAS, Thomas is survived by his wife, Kerrie Newman; a daughter, Kayli-Ann; a son, Keenan; one brother, Tim; two grandchildren, AnnaBella and Kinsley; and

WHEREAS, Tom was loved dearly by everyone who was fortunate enough to be part of his family or his circle of friends, including those who just met him for the first time; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to the life of *Thomas A. Newman* whose lifelong dedication to God, family and community are an inspiration to be admired, emulated and honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of *Thomas A. Newman* and pause in its deliberations to recognize his praiseworthy life, his love of family and for his commitment and devotion to the betterment of our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature express its sympathy and condolences to the *Newman* family and to his many friends, knowing full well that he has received his eternal and glorified reward in Heaven, having heard the consoling words of the Master, "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"

Hon. John A. Bargnesi Jr.
Erie County Legislator, 4th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature