

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NY, OCTOBER 6, 2022**

*Acknowledging and Recognizing*  
*Health Literacy Week*

**WHEREAS**, October is recognized nationally as Health Literacy Month, an effort to highlight both personal health literacy and organizational health literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, improvements in health literacy strengthen the ability of individuals to understand information that affects their health, safety and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to use health information to make well-informed decisions is a key factor in better health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, Literacy Buffalo Niagara and the Erie County Department of Health are partnering to raise awareness of Health Literacy with County Government during the third week of October; and,

**WHEREAS**, this campaign highlights the need for health literacy education, the opportunity for organizations to make their communications clear and understandable, and the ways in which people can become involved in health literacy initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body will continue to support health literacy efforts within Erie County, particularly the important work of Literacy Buffalo Niagara staff and volunteers to provide tutoring and support for Erie County residents with low literacy skills; organizations that seek to incorporate health literacy best practices into their operations; and, individuals who seek to improve their ability to read and understand English.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body thanks and extends our appreciation to literacy champions, public health professionals, and education advocates whose work to advance health literacy has positive benefits for Erie County; and be it further;

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature hereby recognizes Literacy Buffalo Niagara volunteers, adult education professionals and community leaders for their work with adult learners to improve their ability to understand and use health information.

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**Hon. Lisa M. Chimera**  
*Erie County Legislator, 3<sup>rd</sup> District*