

## 2015-J460

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Diane Rowe upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Diane Rowe upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, Diane Rowe rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo has been instrumental in guiding the learning and growth of youths throughout Western New York through programs which improve literacy, assist in academic achievement, promote health and nutrition, encourage character development, and provide essential job training; and

WHEREAS, As Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo, Diane Rowe has rendered an indispensable service to the Buffalo community and one of the area's largest youth services agencies in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Diane Rowe managed a highly productive work force of over 150 employees, and has been instrumental in expanding services to more than 4,000 children in 13 different clubhouses across the region; and

WHEREAS, Motivated to provide members of the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo with substantial assistance, Diane Rowe's willingness and vision for the agency included establishing key partnerships with other organizations in the community to enhance both the quality and viability of

services including mental health, medical help, and family case management; and

WHEREAS, Diane Rowe has worked intensively to create programs for the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo geared towards developing youth, especially relative to academic success; her personal enthusiasm has encouraged numerous children in the Buffalo area who were elevated to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Under Diane Rowe's extraordinary leadership, the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo has thrived through difficult economic times as a sustainable non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo, Diane Rowe served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Diane Rowe was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Diane Rowe upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diane Rowe.