

## 2015-J2566

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts on August 23-24, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those events of artistic significance which highlight the creative talents that have contributed to the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts on August 23-24, 2015, in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts continues to foster growth in, and awareness of, Western New York's artistic and cultural treasures and improve the fabric of its unique urban environment; and

WHEREAS, The history, the heritage, and the lives of the people of all countries and all cultures are portrayed in their art; the act of sharing this art enriches us altogether; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion represents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts for its invaluable contributions to the Art and Culture of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that organizations which give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York profoundly strengthen our soci-

ety with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts on August 23-24, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Festival Committee, Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts, Buffalo, New York.