

## 2013-J647

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Councilwoman Patricia Jaworowicz upon the occasion of her retirement after 31 years of distinguished service to the Town of Cheektowaga, New York

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 commend Councilwoman Patricia Jaworowicz upon the occasion of her retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the Town of Cheektowaga, New York; and

WHEREAS, To be specific, Councilwoman Patricia Jaworowicz served as a council member in the Town of Cheektowaga for 31 years, 1 month, and 20 days; she officially resigned on February 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Jaworowicz is a lifelong Town of Cheektowaga resident; she grew up in the William Street area and attended St. Josaphat's Parochial School and Bishop Colton High School; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Jaworowicz joined the Cheektowaga Committee in 1971 and was elected to serve as vice-chair in 1974; in 1976, she was named one of New York State's 41 electors and participated in the Electoral College; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Jaworowicz worked in various levels of public service; she served on the central staff of the Erie County Legislature and was promoted to the Legislature's Senior Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Jaworowicz announced her candidacy for Cheektowaga Town Council in 1981 and handily won the primary and general election; in January of 1982, she became the first woman ever elected to the Cheektowaga Town Board; and

WHEREAS, Over a long and successful career, Councilwoman Patricia Jaworowicz served as the chairperson of the Town Board's Police and Justice Courts Committee and the Zoning and Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Patricia Jaworowicz was heavily involved with the Walden Galleria Mall project from 1987 to 1989 when the mall opened;

she was an early supporter of the project even though it was not initially popular because she felt it was the best move for the town; the Walden Galleria Mall later transformed Cheektowaga into the retail epicenter of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Jaworowicz was heavily involved in community organizations including the William Street Taxpayers Association, the Cheektowaga Patriotic Commission, the Cheektowaga Symphony Orchestra and the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Patricia Jaworowicz has left behind a long legacy of fighting for Cheektowaga families; as the first woman ever elected to the Cheektowaga Town Board, she is considered a trailblazer for women in Western New York and throughout this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her children, Tim and Pam, as well as her four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and in the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and career to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Councilwoman Patricia Jaworowicz upon the occasion of her retirement after 31 years of distinguished service to the Town of Cheektowaga, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patricia Jaworowicz.