

## 2015-J2144

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Margaret Latona upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by YMCA Buffalo Niagara

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Margaret Latona upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by YMCA Buffalo Niagara, celebrated at its annual banquet on Thursday, May 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, YMCA volunteers come from all walks of life, bringing with them a strong desire to help others and an abundance of ideas and skills to share; whether a policy maker, a fundraiser or a program assistant, they play an integral role in the success of the association; and

WHEREAS, The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes outstanding branch volunteers who selflessly give of themselves to support the YMCA's mission of helping others, while demonstrating an exceptional commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Latona has contributed her time and talents as a volunteer branch board member at the Delaware Family YMCA for the past five years and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has also served as Committee Chair for the Program and Membership Committee, and was a leading volunteer fundraiser for the Delaware Family YMCA's 2014 Campaign; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding ambassador for the YMCA through her community outreach efforts, Margaret Latona is a constant presence at many special

events including Healthy Kids Day; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Margaret Latona has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Margaret Latona has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Margaret Latona upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by YMCA Buffalo Niagara; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret Latona.