

## 2015-K769

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 37th Annual Polish-American Arts Festival and the General Pulaski Parade in Cheektowaga, New York, on July 16-19, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations of true purpose and worthy accomplishment which foster a spirit of community and service and, simultaneously, work diligently to preserve their rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 37th Annual Polish-American Arts Festival and General Pulaski Parade in Cheektowaga, New York, on July 16-19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Chairman of the Town's Park and Recreation Committee, Frank Swiatek, transformed an Annual Concert of Polish-American music, part of the Town's Summer Concert Series, into a three-day extravaganza featuring traditional folk art, crafts, foods, dance, and music; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, the Cheektowaga Polish-American Arts Festival and the Town of Cheektowaga were the recipients of the Dorothy Mullen National Arts and Humanities Award, which is given annually in recognition of the most innovative and effective arts and humanities programs across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, the Cheektowaga Polish-American Festival Committee was honored by the AM-POL EAGLE newspaper in the category of Community Organizations for their dedicated efforts in planning and organizing New York State's premier ethnic festival for the past 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Cheektowaga Polish-American Festival became more diversified, adding premiere musical and dance entertainment; in addition, the Pulaski Day parade was transferred from Buffalo, New York, to Cheektowaga, and became a Sunday feature of the

Festival; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body salutes all of the individuals, past and present, who have given their time to this worthy event, noting their commitment to enhance and improve the quality of life in their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 37th Annual Polish-American Arts Festival and the General Pulaski Parade in Cheektowaga, New York, on July 16-19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary F. Holtz, Cheektowaga Town Supervisor.