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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III upon the occasion of being named the January 2016 Erie County Citizen of the Month by the Erie County Legislature on January 21, 2016

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III upon the occasion of being named January 2016 Erie County Citizen of the Month by the Erie County Legislature, celebrated at a Ceremony on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the Erie County Hall, Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III earned his Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of San Moritz in London, United Kingdom; in 1988, he was proudly ordained as a Bishop; and

WHEREAS, A dynamic leader, Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III is dedicated to both his Church and community; he remains steadfast in his efforts to help revitalize the city of Buffalo, reach out to his neighbors, and restore hope to all people; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Since 1990, Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III has held the esteemed position of Director of Pastoral Care for the Erie County

Medical Center; in addition, he serves as the Overseer of Miracle Missions Full Gospel Church of Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man also holds the title of Certified Chief Master Chaplin for the Buffalo Police Department, as well as Spiritual Director for Upstate New York Transplant Services; he also is both the creator and Executive Director of the Vaughn House Shelter for Men, and a founding member of G.R.O.U.P. Ministries, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III is the Chair of both the City of Buffalo Zoning Board of Appeals and the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS; he also serves on the Boards of Directors for the Legal Aid Society, Buffalo Philharmonic, United Way of Western NY, Western New York Broadcasting Association, and the New Life Residential Center; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III upon the occasion of being named Erie County Citizen of the Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Dr. James A. Lewis III.