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County of Erie Executive Chamber PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame was created by Project Flight in 1997 to honor in perpetuity, the women who have worked to enrich our community, inspiring and empowering other women to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Induction Luncheon of the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame is held each year to recognize those outstanding women chosen to be inducted for the current year; and

WHEREAS, ninety four outstanding women from our region are currently honored as inductees in the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame, with the following seven accomplished women to be inducted at this thirteenth anniversary induction ceremony: Catherine Collins, Donna Fernandes, Beverly Foit-Albert, Celeste Lawson, Nancy McGlen, Marylouise Nanna, and Evelyn Pizarro; and

WHEREAS, among the notable accomplishments of each woman to be inducted in 2009 are:

Catherine Collins, author, educator, and Buffalo Board of Education member.

Donna Fernandes, President of the Buffalo Zoo.

Beverly Foit-Albert, Founder and President of Foit-Albert Associates, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying, P.C.

Celeste Lawson, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Buffalo and Erie County.

Nancy McGlen, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences at Niagara University.

Marylouise Nanna, First Violinist, Assistant Concertmaster Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Music Director Ars Nova Musicians.

Evelyn Pizarro, Retired Principal of D'Youville Porter Campus Public School #3;

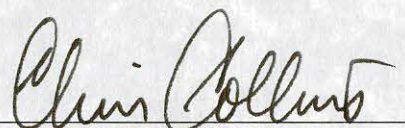
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS COLLINS, Erie County Executive, do hereby recognize the following individuals being inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame this 12th day of March, 2009:

*Catherine Collins
Donna Fernandes
Beverly Foit-Albert
Celeste Lawson
Nancy McGlen
Marylouise Nanna
Evelyn Pizarro*

In this Majestic County of Erie, of the Great State of New York, the Empire State,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have caused to be affixed the
seal of the County of Erie,
this 12^h day of March, 2009




CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive