



- COUNTY OF ERIE - STATE OF NEW YORK -  
- OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE -  
- EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION -

# CELEBRATING NEW YORK STATE WOMEN, INC. BUFFALO NIAGARA CHAPTER 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, for ninety years, New York State Women, Inc. Buffalo Niagara Chapter has provided a platform for women, representing all ages, and a broad spectrum of employment fields, to advocate for full participation, equality and economic self-sufficiency for all working women; and

**WHEREAS**, on the heels of the Suffrage Movement, and preceding the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, the predecessor to New York State Women, Inc., the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Clubs was founded in July 1919; and

**WHEREAS**, BPW Clubs allowed for women across the nation, including those in Western New York under the guidance of Buffalo BPW, to advocate for their worthiness and belonging in the labor market, with Miss Earlene White, president of Buffalo BPW penning correspondence to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938; and

**WHEREAS**, since its charter in 1934, New York State Women, Inc. Buffalo Niagara Chapter (BNC) has sought to connect with and build powerful women personally, professionally and politically. By providing an opportunity for women to collaborate, to network and to achieve more, BNC members are working together to map practical implementation of quality workplace policies, including advocating for equal and fair pay, flexible hours, parental leave and Social Security reform; and

**WHEREAS**, BNC believes in taking the lead on defining what a "family-friendly workplace" truly means, and that implementing these quality work policies benefits both women and their families, while improving the company's "bottom line;" and

**WHEREAS**, BNC fosters the success of women in the workforce across Western New York, offering career advancement resources, work/life strategies, leadership development and both personal and professional connections; and

**WHEREAS**, working women in Western New York have made monumental strides over the last several decades. Today, women populate the work force in greater numbers than ever before, holding positions of increasing significance; and

**WHEREAS**, for ninety years, BNC has facilitated a unique network for women's empowerment, providing women with the opportunity to connect and build their leadership capacity, with these efforts serving as a benefit to both working women, in addition to the greater Western New York economy.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED that I, MARK C. POLONCARZ, Erie County Executive, I am proud to hereby recognize the **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of New York Women, Inc. Buffalo Niagara Chapter**, thanking them for their influence and service to the working women of Erie County.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the County of Erie,  
State of New York in the City of Buffalo this twenty-eighth day of  
August in the year two thousand twenty-four.

County of Erie, State of New York

By:

Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive

