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COUNTY LEGISLATURE URGES NIAGARANS TO GIVE THANKS:
CALLS FOR SERVICE, SACRIFICE, SHARING BLESSINGS

LOCKPORT—Niagara County lawmakers issued their annual Thanksgiving proclamation last week, urging their fellow citizens to keep service members protecting our nation abroad in their thoughts and prayers as they gather with friends and family to give thanks.

The Legislature also urged citizens to give of themselves by volunteering and “sharing our blessings with those in need.” The Thanksgiving proclamation, normally a bi-partisan affair, was issued this year by Deputy Minority Leader Renae Kimble, D-Niagara Falls, and Majority Caucus member Barbara Zellner, D-North Tonawanda.

The full text of the proclamation follows:

WHEREAS, We, the citizens of Niagara County are grateful people, ever mindful of the many ways we have been blessed. On Thanksgiving Day we lift our hearts in gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, the people we love and the gifts of our prosperous land, and

WHEREAS, Our Country was founded by men and women who realized their dependence on God and were humbled by his providence and grace. The early explorers and settlers who arrived in this land gave thanks for God’s protection and for the extraordinary natural abundance they found. Since the first National Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed by President George Washington, Americans have come together to offer thanks for our many blessings, and

WHEREAS, We, the citizens of Niagara County join our fellow Americans in proclaiming our thanks for those blessings and abundance and express our deep appreciation for the sacrifices of the honorable men and women in uniform who defend liberty. As they work to advance the cause of freedom, our Nation keeps these brave individuals and their families in our thoughts, and we pray for their safe return, and

WHEREAS, While Thanksgiving is a time to gather in a spirit of gratitude with family, friends and neighbors, it is also an opportunity to serve others and to share our blessings with those in need. By doing so we make our County a more hopeful and caring place, and

WHEREAS, This Thanksgiving may we reflect upon the past year with gratefulness and look toward the future with hope. Let us give thanks for all we have been given and ask God to continue to bless our families and our County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature joins the President of the United States of America in proclaiming Thursday, November 26th as a day of Thanksgiving.

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