



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

**HONORING  
DAY OF THE CHILD  
“EL DIA DEL NIÑO”**

WHEREAS, “El Dia del Niño” or “Day of the Child”, a celebration that originated in Mexico and dates back to 1925, is celebrated each year on April 30<sup>th</sup>. It is now observed in many Latin American and other countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, El Día del Niño is much more than a discovery and an event celebrated each April 30<sup>th</sup>. This day is about recognizing the importance of children in society and promoting their well-being; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1996, several grass roots organizations, libraries, and universities worked together to link El Día del Niño with language and literacy as a way of supporting the well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, for the past several years, the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. (HHC) has institutionalized this day here in Western New York in honor of the children to promote family values; and

WHEREAS, the goals and founding principles of this observance extend throughout the year and call for a daily commitment to:

- Recognize and honor the importance of children and childhood.
- Promote literacy and the importance of reading by linking children to books, languages, and culture in the home and at school.
- Honor home languages and cultures by promoting bilingual and multilingual literacy in this multicultural nation, and global understanding through reading and art.
- Influence parents to become involved in the education of their children.
- Encourage healthy eating habits for nourished bodies and healthy minds.
- Show our children the value of character, community, and good citizenship.

NOW THEREFORE, I am proud to proclaim April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as “El Dia del Niño” or “Day of the Child” in Erie County. I thank the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. for its service to our community.



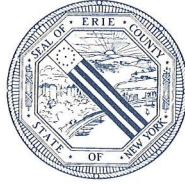
Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the County of Erie, State of New York in the City of Buffalo this thirtieth day of April in the year two thousand and twenty.

County of Erie, State of New York

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 23, 2020

Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY  
Attn: President Casimiro Rodriguez  
1 Lafayette Square  
Buffalo, New York 14203

**Re: El Día del Niño/Day of the Child 2020**

Dear President Rodriguez and HHC Board of Directors,

On behalf of the residents of Erie County, I would like to thank you for continuing to spread your organization's mission in new ways while Erie County continues its response to COVID-19. While we need to be physically distant from each other, it is more important than ever to connect with our family, friends, and neighbors during this time. Continuing traditions like El Día del Niño/Day of the Child is a great way to continue to foster and grow relationships with one another in our community.

Enclosed please find a proclamation from my office proclaiming April 30th, 2020, as "El Día del Niño" or "Day of the Child" in Erie County.

If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at [County.Executive@erie.gov](mailto:County.Executive@erie.gov) or 716-858-8500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

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## HONORING EL DIA DEL NIÑO

**WHEREAS, A GREAT STATE IS ONLY AS GREAT AS THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHO PERFORM EXEMPLARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THEIR COMMUNITY, WHETHER THROUGH UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER ENDEAVORS, OR SIMPLY THROUGH A RECORD OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND CITIZENSHIP; AND**

**WHEREAS, UPON THE OCCASION OF EL DIA DEL NIÑO, THE DAY OF THE CHILD, WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE HISPANIC HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC., WHICH IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF HISPANIC-AMERICANS IN WESTERN NEW YORK FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS; AND**

**WHEREAS, EL DIA DEL NIÑO WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1925 IN MEXICO, TAKES PLACE ANNUALLY ON APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, AND IS NOW CELEBRATED IN LATIN AMERICA AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, FOCUSING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVING, ACCEPTING, AND APPRECIATING CHILDREN; AND**

**WHEREAS, THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING AN UNPRECEDENTED TIME, WHEN OUR CITIZENS ARE CALLED UPON TO PRIORITIZE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL THROUGH SOCIAL DISTANCING, COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE AND CELEBRATE IN EL DIA DEL NIÑO THROUGH A READ-A-THON FOR THE ELEMENTARY GRADE LEVELS BY RECORDING AND POSTING VIDEOS IN ANY LANGUAGE; AND**

**WHEREAS, THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS EVENT IN BUFFALO WILL PROMOTE THE GOALS AND FOUNDING PRINCIPALS OF THE OBSERVANCE, EXTENDING THEM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND CALLING ON A DAILY COMMITMENT TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN AND CHILDHOOD, PROMOTING LITERACY, HONORING HOME LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, SHOWING CHILDREN THE VALUE OF CHARACTER, COMMUNITY, AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP; AND**

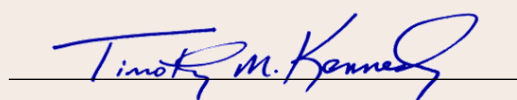
**WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT WHEN ORGANIZATIONS OF SUCH NOBLE AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM AND COMMEND THOSE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE EDIFICATION AND EMULATION OF OTHERS; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED, THAT I, STATE SENATOR TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY, COMMEND THE HISPANIC HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC. FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND THUS URGE ALL CITIZENS TO SHARE IN THIS CELEBRATION AND TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR AND THANK THEM; AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HISPANIC HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC. IN CELEBRATION OF EL DIA DEL NIÑO.**



DATED: APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF,  
I HAVE HEREUNTO  
SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE



TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY  
NEW YORK STATE SENATE  
63<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT