



## **COUNTY OF ERIE - STATE OF NEW YORK**

# *Executive Proclamation* **Office of the County Executive** **The Day of the Child / El Dia del Niño**

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. is a leading not-for-profit organization that creates and supports the promotion of the Hispanic community and its contributions to Western New York's rich historical and cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. is dedicated to fostering and inspiring awareness, understanding and appreciation of the past, present and future contributions of the Hispanic community in Western New York; and

**WHEREAS**, there are three basic goals and priorities of the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. including the preservation of Hispanic history; the promotion of peace, respect and appreciation within and without the Hispanic community; and education as the primary means to accomplish these goals; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dia del Niño or Day of the Child, celebrated each year on April 30<sup>th</sup>, is a celebration that originated in Mexico and dates back to 1925; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dia del Niño or Day of the Child 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 more fully realizing their mission; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 30, 1997, this idea came to fruition with the first Día del Niño/Día de los Libros (Day of the Child/Day of Books) being observed. Additionally, it calls for the promotion of literacy and multilingualism, the arts, parental involvement, sound nutrition and health, and good citizenship. This year, Día del Niño/Día de los Libros will be celebrated April 30<sup>th</sup> at PS #30 Frank A. Sedita Academy, Buffalo, New York.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, do hereby proclaim, April 30, 2013 as **Day of the Child/El Dia del Niño** in the County of Erie.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Erie this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of April, 2013.

  
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**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
Erie County Executive