

**BY:** M. of A. Conrad

**CONGRATULATING** Cathy Piciulo, upon the occasion of her retirement, as CEO, after 25 years of distinguished service to the Kenmore-Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenmore-Tonawanda's Chamber of Commerce CEO, Cathy Piciulo, officially retired on Friday, August 29, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2002, Cathy Piciulo joined the Kenmore-Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce as a board member, quickly transitioning into executive roles; after a brief hiatus, she was invited back as Executive Director at a time when the Chamber was facing challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** One of the challenges the Chamber faced was revenue; however, under Cathy Piciulo's leadership, the Chamber shifted its revenue model from insurance to membership dues, sponsorships, and other member services; and

**WHEREAS,** Reaching out to her connections, Cathy Piciulo secured sponsorships from the community, including Kenmore Mercy Hospital; working with the Town of Tonawanda and local legislators, a \$2 million grant program for businesses in Kenmore-Tonawanda was facilitated in 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** As Cathy Piciulo steps down, the Chamber will continue its legacy as a business association which is dedicated to advocacy, connection, and education; community events, connections, advocacy for local businesses, and essential educational services are facilitated through the Chamber; and

**WHEREAS,** During her retirement, Cathy Piciulo plans to spend more time with her husband, Mike, who has taken up photography; together, they will take trips to places like Italy; and

**WHEREAS,** Cathy Piciulo looks forward to focusing on gardening, fitness, and spending time outdoors; she would like to learn to speak Italian and possibly resume playing her flute; and

**WHEREAS,** Although she will pursue personal interests, Cathy Piciulo will still be active in the community and continue her work with the Kenmore Rotary Club as Past President; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her 25 years of dedication and service to the Kenmore-Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce, Cathy Piciulo has earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Cathy Piciulo, upon the occasion of her retirement, as CEO, after 25 years of distinguished service to the Kenmore-Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cathy Piciulo.