

# THE CITY OF ERIE



## A PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR JOSEPH V. SCHEMBER

### IN CELEBRATION OF NONPROFITS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, employees in the nonprofit sector serve Erie residents. These unsung heroes are the fabric of our community and provide essential support to Erie residents every day. This has been especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, nonprofits and their employees do not work for personal glory but serve the mission of creating a healthy community;

**WHEREAS**, the 528 nonprofits in Erie County are also a major economic force in our community. They are 17 of our 50 largest employers, make up more than 19% of the workforce, and pay over \$800,000,000 in wages;

**WHEREAS**, American nonprofits serve as our safety net by providing more than half of all nonprofit sector jobs in healthcare, 14% in education, and 12% in human services;

**WHEREAS**, nonprofits improve all of our lives by nourishing, healing, teaching, sheltering, inspiring, informing, and protecting residents of the Erie region;

**WHEREAS**, without the work of the dedicated employees in the nonprofit sector, Erie would be unable to provide for the basic needs of our residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joseph V. Schember, Mayor of the City of Erie, do hereby proclaim the fourth week of June as **Celebrate Nonprofits Week** in the City of Erie. I call upon everyone in Erie to recognize the great contributions of our nonprofits this week with programs, activities, ceremonies, and "Thank You's" from the heart.



**JOSEPH V. SCHEMBER**  
Mayor  
City of Erie