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TO: Honorable Town Board

From: Councilman Gene Hart

RE: Certified Local Government Program

December 17, 2012

The Certified Local Government Program is a preservation partnership between local, state and the national government focused on promoting historic preservation at the grass roots level.

In New York State the program is jointly administered by the National Park Service (NPS) and the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Department. Each local New York community works through a certification process in order to be recognized as a Certified Local Government (CLG). CLGs then become an active partner in the Federal Historic Preservation Program and the opportunities it provides. Among the opportunities provided is expert technical advice, partnerships with other organizations such as Preserve America and access to federal funding and other preservation grants.

Please authorize West Seneca Town Historian James Pace to begin the process that will result in the Town of West Seneca becoming a Certified Local Government Program participant.

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