



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

HONORING
DR. VENU GOVINDARAJU

WHEREAS, Dr. Venu Govindaraju, SUNY Distinguished Professor and Vice President for Research and Economic Development at the University at Buffalo, has dedicated his illustrious career to advancing science and innovation in the fields of Document Analysis and Recognition (DAR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Govindaraju's pioneering research led to the development of the world's first autonomous system capable of deciphering handwritten addresses, a groundbreaking achievement that revolutionized postal systems worldwide and showcased the transformative power of AI; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Govindaraju has extended his expertise in handwriting recognition to address critical challenges in communication and language development, focusing on the early detection and support of children with Dysgraphia and Dyslexia, thereby improving the lives of countless children and their families; and

WHEREAS, as Director and Principal Investigator of the National Science Foundation-funded National AI Institute for Exceptional Education, Dr. Govindaraju is leading a \$20 million initiative dedicated to the development of AI tools for early screening and intervention, empowering teachers with innovative solutions to help children with special needs thrive academically and socially; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career at the University at Buffalo, Dr. Govindaraju has not only advanced the frontiers of technology but has also made substantial contributions to the economic and intellectual growth of Erie County and Western New York, serving as a beacon of innovation and community service; and

WHEREAS, we in Erie County and Western New York are fortunate to have a world-renowned researcher and compassionate leader like Dr. Govindaraju in our midst, whose work exemplifies the spirit of discovery, service, and dedication to the public good.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, MARK C. POLONCARZ, Erie County Executive, do hereby proclaim December 14th, 2024, as Dr. Venu Govindaraju Day in Erie County and extend our deepest gratitude for his unwavering commitment to improving lives through science and education, and his invaluable contributions 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 on this fourteenth day of December in the year two thousand and twenty-four.

County of Erie, State of New York

By:


Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive

