Whereas Robert Gallivan has dedicated himself to supporting and improving libraries in Erie County and throughout Pennsylvania;

Whereas he is a vocal advocate for libraries on the local, state, and national levels, having first spoken at Erie County Council meetings against reductions in library funding in the 1970s;

Whereas he has been a steady and faithful member of the Governor's Advisory Council for many years, bringing his education and his devotion to libraries to bear on issues facing Pennsylvania libraries;

Whereas his experience as a Ph. D. chemist specializing in paper production made him a valuable advisor to leaders of the Office of Commonwealth Libraries during the development of the Rare Books Library;

Whereas he has been an active member of the Friends of the Erie County Library, serving as President, Co-Chair of the Book Sale, and manager of the library gift shop;

Whereas he served on the site selection team for the Raymond M. Blasco, M. D., Library and on the fundraising team that raised $2.1 million to furnish the library;

Whereas he was recognized by the Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his exceptional meritorious service to libraries over an extended time and throughout the state;

Whereas he has served the Governor's Advisory Council as a lay member, chairing the Bylaws Committee and serving on the Legislative Committee and others during his long tenure;

Whereas his devotion to libraries and his dedication to his home library and to the Council are to be commended and admired; therefore, on this 13th day of October, 2019, be it

Resolved that the Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development:

1. Honors and recognizes Robert Gallivan for his many achievements and his contributions to Pennsylvania libraries; and
2. Thanks him for his service; and
3. Wishes him well in all his future endeavors.