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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS GRANT, MAZUR, HOGUES, LOUGHRAN, McCRACKEN

RE: Legislature Recommendation to Governor Cuomo for Appointment to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, New York State Public Authorities Law, Section 1299-C, provides that among the ten members of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners, one member shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Erie County Legislature, subject to State Senate confirmation; and

WHEREAS, the previous appointee recommended by the Erie County Legislature has submitted his resignation resulting in a vacancy in this important public policy position, and as such, the Legislature must act expeditiously on its recommendation to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to ensure continuity of representation on the NFTA Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wesley L. Hicks Jr. has expressed a desire to be the Legislature's recommendation to Governor Cuomo, offering solid credentials and a deep commitment to our region, as well as energy and enthusiasm for the appointment, and a stated commitment to this Legislature's Economic Development Committee concerning communication, collaboration and information sharing; and

WHEREAS, as a medical doctor and surgeon, dentist, author and Professor of both Neurosurgery and Biomedical Engineering at SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine, among other remarkable achievements, Dr. Hicks possesses an exceptional understanding of complex matters, enabling him to excel as a member of the governing board of the NFTA; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hicks recognizes that Buffalo Niagara's public transportation system is an economic development engine that can power strategic linkages between the geography of where jobs are to the geography of where job seekers live.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature respectfully calls upon the Governor of New York, the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, to appoint Dr. Wesley L. Hicks Jr. (9714 Erie Rd., Angola, NY 14006), as a member of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners, to complete the balance of a five-year term ending on June 30, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be and hereby is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Cuomo; the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate, the Honorable Dean G. Skelos; the Secretary of the NFTA Board of Commissioners; and Dr. Wesley L. Hicks Jr.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution.