

INTRO 8-1

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS

RE: Expressing support for the City of Buffalo providing funding to cultural groups in the City of Buffalo.

WHEREAS, since Erie County has been unwilling to provide vital funding for several small and medium sized cultural groups located in the City of Buffalo despite the efforts of the Democratic Majority in the Erie County legislature; and

WHEREAS, since 2000 the City of Buffalo has not provided support to cultural groups located in the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, since the City of Buffalo now finds itself with a surplus of revenue thus providing an opportunity to fill the void created by the County's failure to fund certain cultural organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Buffalo has recently approved a one-time expenditure of \$300,000.00 to be spread among approximately 30 cultural organizations located in the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that both the public and private sector work in a harmonious manner to ensure that our cultural agencies are adequately funded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does commend the Common Council of the City of Buffalo for its recent action in providing funding for cultural agencies located in the City of Buffalo and encourages the Mayor to ratify this expenditure as soon as possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature encourages continued dialogue between both the public and private sectors as we seek a long-term solution with respect to the funding of cultural organizations in Erie County.

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of the City of Buffalo, the Common Council of the City of Buffalo and Mr. Randall Kramer of the Greater Buffalo Cultural Alliance.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE