

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS MAZUR, MILLER-WILLIAMS, WHYTE,
WHALEN, GRANT, BOVE, MARINELLI**

Re: Asking Verizon to Move Forward with the Installation of FiOS Service in the City of Buffalo

WHEREAS, Verizon's FiOS service is a cutting-edge technology that brings ultra-fast internet and superior video programming over fiber optic cables that run directly into the customers' homes. FiOS can deliver the "triple-play" of television, video ("cable TV"), and internet; and

WHEREAS, Verizon is deploying FiOS throughout many of the suburbs of Buffalo, but not the City of Buffalo, Verizon is, in effect, bypassing Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Verizon's FiOS is crucial for jobs and economic development; Without access to the highest-speed networks, businesses – particularly small businesses – will not be able to offer the services that today's consumers expect; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of broadband technologies is a key to economic redevelopment in the City, especially since health care and higher education, both very dependent on cutting edge technologies, are leading employers in our area; and

WHEREAS, The City of Buffalo has been, and continues to be, welcoming to Verizon. FiOS is in high-demand in the Buffalo suburbs – and there is also high demand in the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, some of the vital FiOS infrastructure is already in place for extending the FiOS network throughout the city. Verizon has already built a video hub in Buffalo. This hub feeds the FiOS signal to the Buffalo suburbs, and even as far as the Syracuse suburbs, but does not feed the City. In addition, most of Verizon's central offices that serve the city have already had the necessary equipment for providing FiOS installed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature calls on Verizon to move expeditiously to seek and sign a franchise agreement with the City of Buffalo to offer FiOS service in the City so that residents and businesses are not bypassed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this certified resolution are sent to the Mr. Ivan Siedenbug CEO of Verizon Communications, County Executive Chris Collins, Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown, Assemblyman Jim Brennan, State Senator Kevin Parker and the entire WNY State Delegation, James Wagner, President of CWA 1122.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for the resolution