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September 21, 2011

Barbara Miller-Williams  
Chairperson - Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Ms. Miller-Williams:

At the Common Council Meeting held on 9/20/2011, the following item was **ADOPT** by the full Council:

(Item No. 88, 9/20/2011) "The Consolidation of Vital Statistics Reporting Districts #1498 (VA WNY Healthcare System) and #1401 (Registrar of Vital Statistics, Buffalo, New York)".

Please review the enclosed item. Responses can be filed at the City Clerk's office, located at 1308 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 851-5105.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Brian C. Bray*  
Brian C. Bray  
Sr. Legislative Assistant

*To: H.H.S  
BRIAN  
BRAY*

*851-5105  
CALL to Attend  
HHS Committee mtg.*

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**  
**CITY HALL**  
BUFFALO September 22, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby Certify, That at a Session of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, held in the City Hall, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011, The following resolution was Adopted which the following is a true copy.

NO. 88

**SPONSOR: COMMON COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL P. KEAMS**

**THE CONSOLIDATION OF VITAL STATISTICS REPORTING DISTRICTS #1498 (VA WNY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM) AND #1401 (REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS, BUFFALO, NEW YORK)**

WHEREAS: In accord with New York State Public Health Law Section 4120, the City of Buffalo is a primary registration district for maintaining vital statistic records and certificates and is designated as Reporting District #1401; and

WHEREAS: Currently, the Veterans Administration of Western New York Healthcare System /VA WNY Healthcare System) is maintaining vital statistic records and certificates for deceased individuals as Reporting District #1498; and

WHEREAS: The records custodians of Reporting Districts #1401 and #1498, recognizing the need to be compliant with New York State's Public Health Laws, desire to comply therewith by consolidating Reporting District #1498 into Reporting District #1401; and

WHEREAS: The consolidation of Reporting District #1498 (the VA WNY and Reporting District #1401 (the Registrar of Vital Statistics, Buffalo, NY) and the corresponding transfer of vital statistic records and certificates currently located at the Buffalo VA Healthcare facility, to City Hall, Buffalo, NY, is in the best interests of all concerned in that the consolidation will facilitate the safe keeping of such records in one centrally located and easily accessible location, thereby avoiding the current need to determine which of the multiple custodians locations can provide a needed vital statistic record or certificate; and

WHEREAS: In conjunction with the approvals contained herein, and with that of the Erie County Legislature, the New York State Commissioner of Health may issue a consent order to consolidate Vital Statistic Reporting District #1498 into District #1401.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

In accordance with Section 4120 of the Public Health Law, the City of Buffalo Common Council does hereby approve the request of the Registrar of the VA WNY Healthcare System, as custodian for Reporting Districts #1498, and the Registrar of Vital Statistics, Buffalo, New York, as custodian of vital statistic records Reporting District #1401, to consolidate the vital statistic records maintained by the Registrar of the VA WNY Healthcare System as custodian for Reporting Districts #1498 with the vital statistic records maintained by the Registrar of the City of Buffalo, NY, by the merger of Reporting District 1498 into Reporting District #1401 as evidenced by Enclosure 1;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to furnish certified copies of this resolution to the New York State Commissioner of Health, to the Interim Medical Center Director of the VA Healthcare Facility as custodian of Vital Statistic Reporting District 1498, to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Buffalo, NY, and to the Erie County Legislature together with a request to prepare and approve a similar resolution pursuant to NYS Public Health Law Section 4120 part 2a, to enable the consolidation of record keeping functions as described herein.

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:**

That the City Clerk file with this Honorable Body, a copy of the final approval of the NYS Commissioner of Health, to consolidate vital statistic reporting district #1498 into #1401 by the merger thereof.

**ADOPTED**

ATTEST

  
CITY CLERK