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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS

RE: Supporting the Buffalo Common Council and Virginia Street Property Owners

WHEREAS, Hispanics United of Buffalo (HUB) has recently made upgrades to their building at 254 Virginia Street in preparations to open a Methadone Clinic without adequate input from the residents and stakeholders in the area; and

WHEREAS, HUB has completed renovations to their building and have been enrolling clients into the Methadone Clinic that is located near a commonly used bus stop for students attending Buffalo Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, HUB did not adequately inform or consult with current Virginia Street Homeowners, Block Club representatives, Homeowner Associations, Community Associations, Concerned Citizens, and the City of Buffalo Common Council on its plan to make renovations in preparation for opening this clinic; and

WHEREAS, Community residents stated they were not generally opposed to programs helping people free themselves of their drug addiction, but do not believe such facilities should be located in residential neighborhoods, but rather in clinic/hospital settings better suited for those purposes; and

WHEREAS, the residents and Business Owners in the HUB service area have fought for many years to increase their property values and turn their neighborhood around by challenging and forcing the removal of drug dealers, street gangs, and slumlords; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Common Council and numerous concerned citizens and stakeholders have requested that HUB discontinue enrolling clients into the program and reconsider the placement of this clinic in a more commercialized setting instead of a residential setting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature stands in support of the Common Council's Resolution to prevent the HUB Methadone Clinic on Virginia Street from operating; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature stands in support of protecting the neighborhood improvements that have been made by Virginia Street property owners and concerned citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, that clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Buffalo Common Council, Hispanics United of Buffalo, New York State Assemblyman Sean Ryan, New York State Senator Timothy Kennedy, Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Department of Mental Health Commission, New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and the Community Associations within the Hispanic United of Buffalo service area.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution.