

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED  
BY LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature's Citizen of the Month Award recognizes outstanding members of the community and among this distinguished group is **Luther Walker Jr.**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Luther Walker Jr.** was born and raised in Buffalo, he is the 4<sup>th</sup> son of 8 boys and 5 girls born to Mabel and Luther Walker; and

**WHEREAS**, **Luther Walker Jr.** grew up attending Mt. Ararat Baptist Church while attending Boys Vocational High School in Buffalo, NY, worked for over 40 years at General Motors as a Relay Operator and a Team Leader and is currently a member of United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 846 and UAW Local 774; and

**WHEREAS**, **Luther Walker Jr.** is the husband of Cecelia Walker, father of 2 daughters and 1 son, grandfather to 2 boys and 1 girl, and great grandfather of 3 girls; and

**WHEREAS**, **Luther Walker Jr.** has been involved for over 40 years in the Buffalo community as a community activist well versed in politics; and

**WHEREAS**, **Luther Walker Jr.** began his community work as a board member of the Board of Block Clubs, and as a member of the Masten Block Club Coalition where he served as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President active in block club training and community complaints; and

**WHEREAS**, **Luther Walker Jr.** became a member and former President of the Delevan Grider Block Club Council where he helped to support the development of Williams Gaiter Parkway and worked with the Erie County Medical Center Committee to plan and develop the Grider Street Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, **Luther Walker Jr.** also worked with the late Sister Karen Klimczak at the Bissonette House, served with former School Board Member Florence Johnson on the Parents Transportation Committee, and was active as a Board Member of the Community Action Organization (CAO) where he was instrumental in helping to develop the housing program that focused on the East Side of Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS**, **Luther Walker Jr.** expanding his community activism working on the political campaigns of former New York State Assembly Member and Deputy Speaker Mr. Arthur O. Eve, Sr. and of community activist Mr. Moody W. Pugh Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, **Luther Walker Jr.** has worked with many political campaigns over the years, assisting city, state, and federal representatives such as Congressman Jack Quinn, the late Mayor Jimmy Griffin, former Mayor Anthony Masiello, and current Mayor Byron Brown; and

**WHEREAS, Luther Walker Jr.** currently is working collaboratively with Mayor Byron Brown, Buffalo Common Council President Darius Pridgen, and former Council President David Franczyk as a County Committee Member in the Masten District where he currently serves as Zone Leader for Area 7; and

**WHEREAS, Luther Walker Jr.** is a dedicated community activist committed to mentoring young men and encouraging youth to return to school or get a General Equivalency Diploma, he currently is Board President of the Coalition for the Redevelopment of Unified Community Involvement and Leadership (C.R.U.C.I.A.L.) Human Services Community Center which services seniors and youth in the Fillmore Council District and engages them in community service through initiatives such as Weed and Seed and Brush Up Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS, Luther Walker Jr.** is a faithful member of the True Bethel Baptist Church where he serves as President of the Security Ministry and Board Member for the True Community Development Corporation, he enjoys spending time with his family and enjoys sports during his free time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** that the Erie County Legislature hereby goes on record to recognize **Luther Walker Jr.** as **Citizen of the Month** for January 2015 and applauds his commitment and remarkable, compassionate, long time community service to the City of Buffalo.