

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR PATRICK B. BURKE**

**RE: RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ALONG TIFFT STREET  
IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO**

**WHEREAS, Tifft Street in the City of Buffalo is a main connector arterial that joins South Buffalo to Route 5, and the Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park; and**

**WHEREAS, Tifft Street is also the connecting route from South Buffalo to the Tifft Nature Preserve, Tifft Field, the Outer Harbor and the newly created Buffalo Harbor State Park; and**

**WHEREAS, the emergence of Buffalo's waterfront as a recreational destination and the increased popularity of bicycling as a hobby and as a mode of transportation has created a need for safe pedestrian access to these amenities; and**

**WHEREAS, the speed limit on Tifft Street is 30 miles an hour but the western portion of the road is designed as a 4 lane open highway that encourages vehicle operators coming on and off of Route 5, which has a 55mph speed limit, to drive much faster; and**

**WHEREAS, the eastern portion of Tifft Street is in a residential neighborhood but often has vehicles traveling at high speeds past homes and past children at play; and**

**WHEREAS, recent events along Route 198 in the City of Buffalo as well as at the intersection of Harlem and Walden in the Town of Cheektowaga have highlighted the grave consequences that poor planning and poor road engineering can have on pedestrian safety; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo should take swift corrective action on Tifft Street before a preventable pedestrian/vehicle tragedy occurs.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED, the Legislature of Erie County calls upon the City of Buffalo to implement traffic slowing and pedestrian safety measures in order to enhance the accessibility of Buffalo's waterfront and to create a safe environment for pedestrians and for those living in the residential portion of Tifft Street in the City of Buffalo; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, the City of Buffalo Common Council, Congressman Brian Higgins, State Senator Timothy Kennedy, State Assemblyman Michael Kearns, The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation and Western New York Region 5 Director of the NYS Department of Transportation**

**Fiscal Impact: None to County.**