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October 28, 2015

Erie County Legislature
Mr. Robert M. Graber, Minority Chief of Staff
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Dear Mr. Graber:

Attached for Clock-In to the public record of the Erie County Legislature, please find a Resolution supporting earlier bar closings in Erie County, NY to be submitted on behalf of Buffalo Place, Incorporated, dated October 28, 2015 for consideration.

Thank you for assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator
District 1

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"We are here to serve the Community"



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EARLIER BAR CLOSINGS IN ERIE COUNTY, NY

WHEREAS, Buffalo Place Inc. is dedicated to improving the economic health and quality of life in Downtown Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, the bars and nightclubs in the Chippewa Street and central business district areas are a regional nightlife attraction in Western New York, and

WHEREAS, the business community desires that Downtown remain attractive to our uniquely diverse constituents so that it remains economically viable and contributes to a positive image of our city and region, and

WHEREAS, concern has been raised for a number of years about the impact of Erie County's 4:00 A.M. closing time for alcohol consumption at bars and nightclubs, and

WHEREAS, Buffalo is the only New York State city west of Schenectady where closing time is 4:00 A.M., including Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Binghamton, Ithaca, Corning and Elmira, and

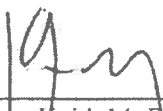
WHEREAS, the 4:00 A.M. closing time encourages dangerous late night automobile travel by bar patrons in adjacent counties with earlier closing times, and

WHEREAS, area employment patterns have changed from factories with shift employees seeking after-work entertainment in the early morning hours to a more "9 to 5" economy, and

WHEREAS, we believe an earlier closing time would:

- encourage evening entertainment to start earlier, expanding the current customer base,
- enhance closing time security with more people exiting bars at the same time, providing more eyes on the street,
- improve the residential and hotel environment for our growing downtown neighborhood

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Buffalo Place Inc. would support County Legislation to be submitted to the New York State Liquor Authority in support of a weekday bar closing time of 2:00 A.M. and a weekend bar closing time of 3:00 A.M.



Keith M. Belanger, Chairman

October 28, 2015