

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, JUNE 9, 2016

*Honoring Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic as the Keynote Speaker of
the Buffalo Branch NAACP 50th Annual Medgar Evers Dinner*

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the Ninth day of June, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Branch NAACP was founded in 1915 and, for the past century, has been at the forefront of the fight for civil rights and justice in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Branch NAACP will hold its 50th Annual Medgar Evers Dinner on June 12th; an event that is named for Medgar Evers, a World War Two veteran and an officer in the NAACP during the Civil Rights Movement who was assassinated while fighting to integrate schools in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, joining the Buffalo Branch NAACP to speak at the Medgar Evers Dinner, Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic returns home to Buffalo from Shepard University in West Virginia where she serves as Chair of the Department of Sociology and Geography and an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Howard-Bostic earned her bachelor's and Master's degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo and her Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Howard-Bostic has been recognized for her work incorporating diversity and social justice into her classroom, as well as for her research on transformational leadership and cross-cultural motivations for aggression; and

WHEREAS, in service to her community, Dr. Howard-Bostic has worked with community-based youth programs, writes grants as a member on several executive boards and non-profit organizations that serve marginalized populations, has participated in international projects in Cuba, Jamaica, and Vancouver, and has established strong relationships with local and state organizations in West Virginia that service homeless persons, low-income families, and battered women; and

WHEREAS, just as Medgar Evers worked to right injustice he saw in his community, Dr. Howard-Bostic does the same by instilling better global views in her students and in serving her community as a fighter for those who need her most.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize the work of Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic in increasing diversity and social justice both in and out of her classroom and welcomes her to Buffalo.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk, Erie County Legislature