

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS**

RE: Support to Establish a Veterans Reduced Fare Program with NFTA-Metro

WHEREAS, Erie County is home to more than 60,000 Veterans that have made an enormous contribution to our nation; and

WHEREAS, a Veteran's willingness to serve has safeguarded the freedoms we hold dear and ensured that our nation remains as a beacon of hope and liberty to people around the world; and

WHEREAS, many Veterans have re-located to Erie County to access the services offered through the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, many Veterans in Erie County rely on public transportation, currently there is no program that offers the opportunity for them to access a reduced fare card through the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Metro (NFTA-Metro) Program; and

WHEREAS, Veterans in Erie County have been honored and supported through programs such as "Thank a Vet", an overwhelming number of veterans have yet to participate and the NFTA-Metro is not currently enrolled as a participating business; and

WHEREAS, Veterans across Western New York utilize the NFTA-Metro as part of their daily commute, extending the reduced fare program to Veterans will benefit thousands of our local heroes, encourage usage and show appreciation for the service they have given to our nation.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE,

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature requests that the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Metro Program establish a Veterans Reduced Fare Program that allows Veterans to show their Veterans ID Card and be eligible for a reduced fare; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners; Honorable members of the WNY Delegation to the New York State Legislature; Honorable Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive; and any other party deemed necessary and proper.