

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

**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODERN TRAIN STATION
AT THE BUFFALO CENTRAL TERMINAL**

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo has long been a major transportation hub for the United States of America, it has a rich history in commerce and passenger transportation from the development of the Erie Canal to the multiple railroad lines that were built throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1920's the New York Central Railroad and the City of Buffalo entered into an agreement to construct a consolidated facility to allow passenger trains to travel directly from New York City to cities west such as Chicago, the Buffalo Central Terminal site was selected to house the facility and became a world class operation which was utilized for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Central Terminal has been under the care of the Central Terminal Restoration Corporation since 1997, the Board of Directors developed a Master Plan in 2009 which included the work of securing a developer to take an active role in the reutilization of existing rail lines, redevelopment of the complex to include expanded bus and taxi service and transformation of the facility back into a gateway for Buffalo's public transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Central Terminal Restoration Corporation developed a Request for Proposals in April of 2015 soliciting local developers help to give new vision for the stabilization and restoration of the complex, the organization's goal was to have the Buffalo Central Terminal become an integral part of the City of Buffalo's resurgence, particularly as an anchor on the East Side in the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in May 2016 the Central Terminal Restoration Corporation selected Toronto based developer Harry Stinson as the designated developer for the restoration of the historic gem, plans swiftly got under way to invest in short term improvements of the property as the organization continues to work towards the best long term solution for the future of the Buffalo Central Terminal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature goes on record to support the development of a modern train station at the Buffalo Central Terminal using the capital improvement funding that has been allocated in the New York State Transportation Department budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body encourages the newly formed Train Station Committee and the Central Terminal Restoration Corporation to work together to reach a mutually acceptable development plan to restore the Buffalo Central Terminal to a world class passenger train facility which will in turn foster a renewed sense of pride for constituents of the surrounding neighborhoods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Representative Brian Higgins, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Honorable Members of the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Legislature, Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz, City of Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown, Fillmore District Common Councilmember David A. Franczyk, and to Mr. Mark Lewandowski, Director of the Buffalo Central Terminal Restoration Corporation.