

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR MILLS, LORIGO, RATH, HARDWICK, DIXON, AND MORTON**

RE: Legislature Recommendation to Governor Cuomo for Appointment to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, New York State Public Authorities Law, Section 1299-C, provides that among the ten members of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) Board of Commissioners, one member shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Erie County Legislature, subject to State Senate confirmation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William D. Christ, Esq. has expressed a desire to act as the Legislature's recommendation to the NFTA Board, his resume and experience show solid credentials and a deep commitment to our region, as well as energy and enthusiasm for the appointment, and a stated commitment to the continuation of his service to the people of Erie County through participation on the NFTA Board; and

WHEREAS, as an attorney with Phillips Lytle Mr. Christ has familiarity with corporate litigation in areas including contract disputes and construction claims as well as being a member of the Canadian Cross Border Team; further, his experience will help enable him to excel as a member of the governing board of the NFTA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christ recognizes that Buffalo Niagara's public transportation system is an economic development engine that can power strategic linkages between where jobs are to where job seekers live.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature respectfully calls upon the Governor of New York, the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, to appoint Mr. William D. Christ, Esq. (125 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203), as a member of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners to a five-year term ending June 30, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Mr. William D. Christ, and any party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None