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February 1, 2016

The Honorable Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislature, District 1
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
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Dear Legislator Miller-Williams:

I am following up on your request for a copy of the resolutions passed by the Buffalo Urban League Board of Directors in relation to the Comptroller's Report on the Compliance Review of the League's 2014 Preventive Services contract. Please see the attachment.

The work of the Buffalo Urban League is critically important to our region, especially our most vulnerable children and families. We look forward to our continued work to empower individuals, support families and strengthen community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any comments or questions at bmcduffie@buffalourbanleague.org or (716) 250-2415.

Sincerely,

Brenda McDuffie
President/CEO

CC: Clerk of the Erie County Legislature
Attachment

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Resolution

WHEREAS The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Buffalo Urban League is in receipt of a document styled "Contract Compliance Review of the Buffalo Urban League Contract for Preventive Services with the Department of Social Services" (the "Comptroller's Review"). The Board has been briefed fully by administration on the conduct of the process that ended with the Comptroller's Review, and has been regularly informed by administration and Board committees as to the Urban League's response. Therefore,

Be It Resolved Without reservation, the Board supports the response of the Urban League to the findings contained in the Comptroller's Review. Further, the Board condemns the inflammatory public statements made by the Comptroller in connection with the issuance of the Comptroller's Review as a gross and misleading exaggeration of the findings and conclusions contained in the Comptroller's Review. And,

Be It Resolved That the Board, without reservation, hereby states and re-affirms its unqualified support for Brenda McDuffie, President and CEO of the Buffalo Urban League, in regards to her conduct, leadership, guidance and administration of the Buffalo Urban League's response to the Comptroller's Review, and has authorized Ms. McDuffie to continue in her efforts to address all matters directly and indirectly relating to the Comptroller's Review and to inform and consult with the Board and Board committees as to such matters as necessary. And,

Be It Resolved That the Board hereby authorizes the Executive/Finance Committee to allocate operating funds as are reasonably necessary to retain counsel and other consultants as may be advisable to protect the interests of the Urban League with regard to the Comptroller's Report, to enable the Urban League administration to continue to focus on providing excellent, caring and professional service to its clients and the communities it serves, and to address the damage done to the reputation of the organization.

Resolution adopted by unanimous vote during a meeting of the Buffalo Urban League Board of Directors on December 18, 2015.

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