

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR BURKE**

RE: Preservation of Buffalo's History

WHEREAS, a February 27th, 2016 Buffalo News article reported that there is a collection of 300 rare books and historical pamphlets dating from 1812 to 1875 from Buffalo, NY that are for sale; and

WHEREAS, the documents include "biographies, city directories, religious pamphlets, guidebooks, maps, even spelling and arithmetic primers", the documents reveal "a crucial historical period that covers the burning of Buffalo in late 1813, the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 and the rapid growth of a municipality that blossomed from a village to an incorporated city"; and

WHEREAS, the seller of this volume is willing to give a "hometown discount" in order to ensure that this special volume of Buffalo's historic record stays in our community; and

WHEREAS, we have an obligation to follow the civically conscious example of our forefathers by preserving, maintaining and displaying the vital records of Buffalo's history; and

WHEREAS, Erie County and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library participated in the acquisition and preservation of the historic Milestones of Science books and should continue their efforts in historic preservation by ensuring the 300 page of our history volume remains in Western New York for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature will first explore the availability of resources from local foundations and private benefactors and then if not successful, explore joint acquisition between the City of Buffalo, The County of Erie and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Executive; Honorable Byron Brown, Mayor of the City of Buffalo; Honorable Darius Pridgen, President of Buffalo Common Council; Honorable members of the WNY Delegation to the New York State Legislature; and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution.