

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR PATRICK B. BURKE**

**RE: IMPROVING SOUTH BUFFALO PEDESTRIAN WATERFRONT ACCESS**

**WHEREAS**, Tiftt Street in the City of Buffalo is the only connecting route from South Buffalo to the Tiftt Nature Preserve, Tiftt Field, the Outer Harbor and the Buffalo Harbor State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergence of Buffalo's waterfront as a recreational destination as well as the increased popularity of bicycling as both a hobby and mode of transportation has created a need for safe pedestrian access to these amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, the speed limit on Tiftt Street is 30 miles an hour but the western portion of the road is designed as a 4 lane open highway that encourages vehicle operators coming on and off of Route 5, which has a 55mph speed limit, to drive much faster; and

**WHEREAS**, the eastern portion of Tiftt Street is in a residential neighborhood but often has vehicles traveling at high speeds past homes and past children at play; and

**WHEREAS**, recent events along Route 198 in the City of Buffalo as well as at the intersection of Harlem and Walden in the Town of Cheektowaga have highlighted the grave consequences that poor planning and poor road engineering can have on pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Buffalo should take proactive action so the people of South Buffalo can have safe pedestrian access to the Outer Harbor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Legislature of Erie County calls upon the City of Buffalo to implement traffic slowing and pedestrian safety measures in order to enhance the accessibility of Buffalo's waterfront and to create a safe environment for pedestrians and for those living in the residential portion of Tiftt Street in the City of Buffalo; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, the City of Buffalo Common Council, Congressman Brian Higgins, State Senator Timothy Kennedy, State Assemblyman Michael Kearns, The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation and Western New York Region 5 Director of the NYS Department of Transportation.

Fiscal Impact: None to County.