

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

RE: Buffalo for Puerto Rico: Collecting Items for Those in Need in the Wake of Hurricane Maria

WHEREAS, early this week Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm, made landfall on Puerto Rico subjecting the island to sustained winds as strong as 155 mph. The entire territory is currently without power and is predicted to receive as much as two feet of rain by the end of the week. The combination of broken buildings, downed power lines and flash flooding could be catastrophic to millions; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Maria's destruction will cost the territory millions of dollars or more at a time when Puerto Rico is facing crippling debt, thus impacting the local government's ability to provide goods and services to those most in need; and

WHEREAS, in the past cultural organizations in the City of Buffalo have come to the aid of those suffering showcasing Buffalo as the City of Good Neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico is a territory of the United States and as such we all have a responsibility to come to the aid of our fellow Americans in the wake of such terrible devastation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that due to the devastation rendered by Hurricane Maria on the island of Puerto Rico, the Erie County Legislature voices its support for a Cultural Organizations' drive to collect items for those in need.

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be sent to the WNY Congressional Delegation, Resident Commissioner Jenniffer González, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

FISCAL IMPACT: none for resolution.