

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATORS HARDWICK, GRANT & HOGUES**

RE: Calling on the NFTA to Grant the Greater Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Complex, LLC a Nine to Twelve Month Land Option on the Buffalo Outer Harbor for Exploration and Development of a Proposed Downtown Stadium

WHEREAS, The Greater Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Complex, LLC (GBSEC) has proposed the development of a landmark sports, entertainment, conference, and museum Complex on the Buffalo Outer Harbor; and

WHEREAS, GBSEC recently proposed development plans to the Buffalo Common Council, the Mayor of the City of Buffalo, the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA), and the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the GBSEC has retained the pre-eminent sports and entertainment complex design and development firm, HKS, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, which has established a working relationship with the National Football League through the building of successful Super Bowl grade facilities for other franchises; and

WHEREAS, the GBSEC proposal intends to create a publicly accessible green and environmentally advanced waterfront environment; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a downtown conference center and hotel along with a proposed partnership with the Strong Museum of Rochester to create the country's first Museum of Sport and Competition would create destination tourism opportunities in the Outer Harbor region year round; and

WHEREAS, this development would solidify the county's desire to keep the Buffalo Bills local; and

WHEREAS, the new lease for Ralph Wilson Stadium will expire in ten years and the Buffalo Bills will likely be in search of a new stadium; and

WHEREAS, GBSEC and HKS, Inc. present a multi-sporting venue with year round accessibility, promoting both local enjoyment and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the stadium would create significant job opportunities, including an estimated 8,000 construction jobs for the projected seven year development process; and

WHEREAS, the development of GBSEC's private partnership will save taxpayers of Erie County a considerable amount of money.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this body supports Greater Buffalo Sporting and Entertainment Complex's endeavor to obtain a nine to twelve month land option from Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority on the Buffalo Outer Harbor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be conveyed to the NFTA, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown, and the Buffalo Common Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution.