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**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS GRANT, MAZUR & MILLS, HOGUES, MARINELLI,
HARDWICK, LOUGHRAN, RATH, McCracken, DIXON & LORIGO**

RE: Requesting that the City of Buffalo Put in Place a Pedestrian Crosswalk between the Rath Building and Old Erie County Hall

WHEREAS, a dangerous traffic situation exists for pedestrians who cross Franklin Street directly between Old Erie County Hall, 92 Franklin Street, and the Rath Building, 95 Franklin Street; and

WHEREAS, a substantial amount of business is conducted between the employees and general public who traverse these two buildings, and beyond to the Erie County Family Court Building across from the Rath Building on Eagle Street, as well as the County Hall Annex at 25 Delaware Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian traffic crossing Franklin Street is composed of the general public; justices, employees, attorneys, litigants and jurors for the Erie County Court, New York State Supreme Court and Surrogate's Court; Erie County legislators and their staffs; employees of the Erie County Clerk's Office, Sheriff's Office, Probation Department and others; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for a demarcated pedestrian crosswalk on Franklin Street that clearly establishes that pedestrians have the right-of-way, and having a clearly marked crosswalk and other traffic safety measures called for at that location are in the best interests of both pedestrians and motorists alike; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of model examples of mid-street pedestrian crosswalks on high-traffic thoroughfares in other communities throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for this Honorable Body to initiate an open public discussion about this situation and to seek redress from the City of Buffalo, which has jurisdiction over Franklin Street; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature unanimously approved a resolution to achieve that goal, Intro 25-5 (2009), on December 17, 2009, yet this dangerous situation still exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature request that representatives from the City of Buffalo attend a future meeting of the Public Safety Committee to discuss the concerns of county and state employees, as well as the general public, regarding the need for a demarcated pedestrian crosswalk on Franklin Street to provide safe passage directly between the Rath Building at 95 Franklin Street and Old County Hall at 92 Franklin Street in Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor of the City of Buffalo, the Honorable Byron W. Brown; the Buffalo Common Council; and to Steven Stepniak, Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets in the City of Buffalo.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution.