

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS MILLS, LOUGHRAN, AND MORTON**

**Re: Support for conversion of NFTA Fleet to Electric Buses**

**WHEREAS**, non-electric exhaust contains various harmful pollutants including carbon monoxide, various hydro-carbons, and nitrogen oxides, which are harmful to people in the immediate vicinity leading to an estimated 53,000 premature deaths each year and are known greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, electric Buses have zero emissions and no exhaust fumes; and

**WHEREAS**, electric buses produce only 57 decibels of sound, which is similar to ambient sound levels in the average urban home; and

**WHEREAS**, electric buses have simple engines that rarely break down and are inexpensive to maintain, typically costing less than half that of a diesel bus; and

**WHEREAS**, on a per mile basis the cost to run an electric bus is about \$0.19 or less than half the cost to fuel a diesel bus, \$0.47; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Legislature has taken action in the past to work towards cleaner air and improved health with legislation on smoking in the workplace and public spaces.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body hereby encourages the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (NFTA) to work towards converting all of its bus fleet to electric buses as soon as reasonably possible; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the NFTA, the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Legislature, Governor Andrew Cuomo, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution.