

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul Jr., The Buffalo Police Department and the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force for their courageous efforts to take back our Buffalo City Streets

WHEREAS, The quality of life in the communities of the State of New York is largely reflective of the commitment and dedication demonstrated by members of the agencies which serve to protect, preserve, and maintain public order; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor agencies, organizations, and individuals dedicated to the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to acknowledge and pay tribute to U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul Jr., The Buffalo Police Department and the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force for their courageous efforts to take back the Buffalo City Streets, noting that since 2010, 160 Buffalo gang members have been put behind bars; and

WHEREAS, Working with a sense of urgency, U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul Jr., The Buffalo Police Department and the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force have successfully been working to take down two of the largest and most dangerous gangs in the City of Buffalo, the LRGP Crew and the Bailey Boys; and

WHEREAS, The Anti-Gang Coalition comprised of U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul Jr., The Buffalo Police Department and the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force has also worked to significantly reduce the presence of the Seventh and Tenth street gangs, whose bitter rivalry with one another made many neighborhoods on Buffalo's West Side unsafe; and

WHEREAS, The Anti-Gang Coalition team has solved twenty-one homicides involving gangs since 2010 and there are another ten to fifteen murders which have a high probability of being solved; and

WHEREAS, In all, 160 Buffalo gang members have been put behind bars over the past three years; and

WHEREAS, The Anti-Gang Coalition team truly deserves praise for aggressively taking on Buffalo's gangs; their courage and dedication are helping to make Buffalo's neighborhoods safe for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul Jr., The Buffalo Police Department and the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force for their courageous efforts to take back our Buffalo City Streets; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul Jr., The Buffalo Police Department and the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force.