

## **BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY**

### **RESOLUTION 07 - 30**

#### **HONORING FORMER BFSA CHAIRMAN BRIAN J. LIPKE**

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2003, New York State Governor George Pataki signed into law Chapter 122 of the Laws of 2003, also known as the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority Act, which created the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority (“BFSA”) to assist in the restoration of fiscal stability in the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pataki appointed Brian J. Lipke as BFSA’s second Chairman on January 18, 2005, replacing Thomas E. Baker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lipke presided over a seamless transition and provided a steady hand to ensure Buffalo’s fiscal health continued to improve; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chairman, Mr. Lipke oversaw the adoption of three financial plans which contributed to the City’s fiscal well-being so significantly to enable a lifting of the wage freeze effective July 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, after nearly two-and-one-half years of effectively leading BFSA, Mr. Lipke has resigned as Chairman in order to more fully focus on his business, Gibraltar Industries, which since its inception in 1972 has grown from a family business to a major international corporation employing thousands around the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lipke has been tireless in working to promote the mission of BFSA to help restore long-term fiscal stability to the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, last year, in recognizing Mr. Lipke’s contributions to BFSA and the community, *The Buffalo News* named him one of its “Outstanding Citizens” citing his ability to build consensus and foster change; and

WHEREAS, despite his resignation from the BFSA Board, Mr. Lipke’s contributions to BFSA and the community will endure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority does hereby honor and appreciate Brian J. Lipke for his outstanding contributions to the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority, and to the betterment of the City of Buffalo, its citizens and the Western New York community.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 8, 2007

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/S/ Richard A. Stenhouse, Secretary