

BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 07 - 31

HONORING FORMER BFSA DIRECTOR ROBERT G. WILMERS

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 Robert G. Wilmers as a Director of the Authority, which he has actively served since the first meeting in July 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilmers’ expertise in financial matters has contributed greatly to BFSA’s work and the positive strides made by the City toward achieving fiscal stability; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of M&T Bank, one of the twenty largest banks in the country, Mr. Wilmers has shown a steadfast commitment to Buffalo’s economic and cultural health and vitality; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Wilmers’ leadership, M&T Bank has been one of the largest corporate benefactors in Buffalo and throughout the region, working tirelessly to contribute to the communities it calls home and make them better places to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilmers’ own contributions to the Buffalo community are too vast to recite, but have had a significant positive impact on the quality of life in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedicated service on the Authority, Mr. Wilmers has given of himself to community initiatives and organizations including the Buffalo Zoo, Darwin Martin House, Westminster Community School, United Way, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Business Council of New York State, among many others, for which he and his wife Elisabeth were recognized in 2004 as “philanthropists of the year” by the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County; and

WHEREAS, after four years of tireless service on the BFSA Board, Mr. Wilmers stepped down at the conclusion of his term effective June 30, 2007; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority does hereby honor and appreciate Robert G. Wilmers 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

/S/ Richard A. Stenhouse, Secretary