

BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 07-63

HONORING FORMER BFSA DIRECTOR REV. RICHARD A. STENHOUSE

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 Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse, Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, as a Director of the Authority on March 6, 2004, to fill the seat vacated by Director Ronald M. Pirtle; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Stenhouse is a respected leader in Buffalo’s faith community, having started his pastoral ministry in 1982 at Bethel AME Church in Lackawanna, later assuming the pastorate of Bethel AME Church in Norwalk, Connecticut, and finally being appointed to the pastorate of historic Bethel AME Church in Buffalo, the City’s oldest African American church, in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Stenhouse’s dedicated service on the Authority complements a lifetime of commitment to the Buffalo community and its residents, including his work as a leader of the Jeremiah Partnership; Executive Director of Bethel Head Start, the largest Head Start program in Western New York; and the Bethel Community Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Stenhouse’s commitment to the BFSA Board, and the trust and confidence placed in him by his fellow Board members, is evidenced by his appointment and service as Board Secretary since January 25, 2006, and as Board Treasurer since May 16, 2006; and

WHEREAS, after more than three years of tireless and dedicated service on the BFSA Board, Rev. Stenhouse’s term has expired; and

WHEREAS, despite the end of his term on the BFSA Board, Rev. Stenhouse’s innumerable contributions to BFSA and the community will endure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority does hereby honor and appreciate Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse for his significant and 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 November 7, 2007

/S/ Secretary George K. Arthur