

BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 09-46

HONORING FORMER BFSA DIRECTOR WAYNE MERTZ

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 within its covered organizations; and

WHEREAS, Governor Spitzer appointed Wayne Mertz as a Director of the BFSA on August 9, 2007, replacing and charged with fulfilling Brian J. Lipke’s term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mertz participated and acted in the capacity of vice-chair of the Audit, Finance and Budget Committee during his tenure and provided a steady hand to ensure Buffalo’s fiscal health continued to improve; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a Director, Mr. Mertz was involved with the adoption of two financial plans which contributed to the City’s ability to significantly increase its unreserved/undesignated fund balance and establish a significant rainy day fund, as well as reach affordable collective bargaining agreements with numerous employee groups, bringing an experienced hand to the table in regards to labor-negotiations and employee benefits; and

WHEREAS, after two years of effectively participating as a Director of the BFSA and bringing a business savvy eye to the Board concerning issues facing the City of Buffalo, Mr. Mertz has completed the term he was appointed to and will be able return his focus to his business interests; and

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

WHEREAS, despite his departure from the BFSA Board, Mr. Mertz’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 Wayne Mertz 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 December 9, 2009

/S/ George K. Arthur

George K. Arthur,
Secretary