

**BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION 15-02**

HONORING FORMER OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND CHIEF LITIGATOR A. VINCENT BUZARD, J.D.

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2003, New York State Governor George E. 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 (the “BFSA”) to assist in the restoration of fiscal stability in the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2003, and pursuant to Resolution No. 03-77, the BFSA Board of Directors voted to approve Harris Beach PLLC as legal counsel of the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority, noting Harris Beach “as the firm most capable of carrying out the required duties”; and

WHEREAS, Harris Beach assigned Mr. A. Vincent Buzard, who is the founder and leader of Harris Beach’s Appellate Litigation and Advocacy practice group, as legal counsel and chief litigator to the BFSA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buzard brought an extensive amount of litigation experience in various municipal areas including labor and contracts, as well as brought a successful record representing clients in both the state and federal judicial systems; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Buzard’s distinguished career in public service and as an attorney, he has served as the Corporation Counsel for the City of Rochester, as previous president of the Monroe County Bar Association, as the 108th president of the New York State Bar Association, was the recipient of the “Justice for All Award” in 2006, and was selected as the 2014 Appellate Lawyer of the Year in the Rochester area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buzard’s extensive knowledge of the judicial system provided an immeasurable asset in the performance of his duties as chief litigator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buzard has successfully represented the BFSA in all of its litigation cases since its inception, including, Meegan v. Brown in the New York State Court of Appeals, BTF v. Tobe in the United States Court of Appeals, Meegan v. Masiello, Foley v. Masiello and the IAFF Local 282 v. BFSA in the New York State Court, Appellate Division; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buzard’s successful representation of the BFSA has provided an estimated \$201.8 million in savings to date for the City of Buffalo and the Buffalo City School District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buzard’s legal representation, professionalism, tireless effort and commitment have contributed to the success of the BFSA and tremendously towards fiscal stability of the City of Buffalo, the Buffalo City School District, the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority, and the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buzard’s contributions to the BFSA and the community shall endure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority does hereby honor and appreciate Mr. A. Vincent Buzard, J.D., for his outstanding contributions to the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority, the City of Buffalo, the Buffalo City School District, the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority, the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency, and the Western New York Community.

Approved March 11, 2015

/s/ R. Nils Olsen, Jr.
R. Nils Olsen, Jr.,
Chair