BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 17-17
APPROVAL OF THE USE OF DISCRETIONARY FUNDS POLICY

WHEREAS, Chapter 122 of the Laws of 2003, as amended, created the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority ("BFSA" or "Authority") to provide financial oversight and budgetary control over the City of Buffalo and other Covered Organizations; and

WHEREAS, as a public authority, the BFSA is subject to regulation by the State of New York, either in the form of rules and regulations promulgated by the State Comptroller or legislation approved by the State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, §2824(1)(b) of the Public Authorities Law requires directors to understand, review and monitor the implementation of fundamental financial and management controls and the operational decisions of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Authorities Budget Office recommends that all state and local public authorities adopt written policies that specifically delineate the proper use of an authority's discretionary funds and that such policies should address not only what constitutes a proper discretionary expenditure related to the mission and public purpose of the authority, but also addresses what would be considered an improper use of those funds; and

WHEREAS, the BFSA initially adopted its Use of Discretionary Funds Policy by Resolution No. 13-15 on July 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the BFSA has annually readopted the Use of Discretionary Funds Policy as a good governance practice with the most recent having occurred via Resolution No. 16-16 on July 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, upon reviewing the Use of Discretionary Funds Policy, BFSA staff determined that modifications were necessary to reflect IRS guidelines related to cities designated as small localities and high cost cities; and

WHEREAS, the BFSA's Governance Committee has reviewed the draft Use of Discretionary Funds Policy and has recommended its approval by the BFSA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority does hereby approve the Use of Discretionary Funds Policy.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 15, 2017

/s/ George K. Arthur
George K. Arthur,
Secretary