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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring L. Nathan Hare for his distinguished and dedicated service to the citizens of Western New York

WHEREAS, With February being Black History Month, it is a time to reflect on the struggles and victories of African-Americans throughout our country's history and to recognize their numerous valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor L. Nathan Hare for his distinguished and dedicated service to the citizens of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, L. Nathan Hare has served as Executive Director of Community Action Organization, Inc. of Erie County since 2002; located in Buffalo, the organization is one of the oldest anti-poverty agencies in the country; and

WHEREAS, In his short time of spearheading the agency, L. Nathan Hare has initiated a new system of service to youth entitled Neighborhood United for Restoration, Teaching, Uplifting, Recreation, and Education (N.U.R.T.U.R.E.); he rejuvenated the Neighborhood Services Department and created a new Family Development Department; and

WHEREAS, L. Nathan Hare is a lifelong resident of Buffalo, New York, where he has been involved in issues of youth employment, youth training and education, foster care, and juvenile justice for over 30 years; he has served as Director of the ECC Office of Special Programs, Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Youth Services, and Western Region Director of the Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth; and

WHEREAS, L. Nathan Hare is also a scholar and teacher of both Christian education and classical African history and culture, as well as a storyteller, playwright, and author; he earned his bachelor's degree in Business Management from Medille College, and holds a master's degree in Education from SUNY/Buffalo; he is a Doctoral Candidate in Education Administration at the State University of New York at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, L. Nathan Hare also serves as a weekly Radio/Television Host for three public affairs shows; "The World of Community Action" airing on WBLK-FM and Time Warner Cable, and "Living Now with L. Nathan Hare" on WUFO-AM in Buffalo; his most recent awards include: the New York State Conference of Black Senators for Outstanding Community Leadership; the Presidents Award from the Family Development Association of New York State; the Distinguished Alumni Award from Buffalo's Municipal Housing Authority; and the MADDADS Community Leadership Award, as well as many others; and

WHEREAS, Inducted into the Heritage Registry of Who's Who, L. Nathan Hare also has served and still serves on many boards and commissions, including: New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty; Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Investment Board; New York State Community Action Association; Primary Care Development Association; Buffalo Soccer Club; Community Centers Technology Network; Buffalo Crime Force Reduction Task Force; the Buffalo Local Action Committee, among countless others; and

WHEREAS, L. Nathan Hare's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor L. Nathan Hare for his distinguished and dedicated service to the citizens of Western New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to L. Nathan Hare.