

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FIVE-YEAR TUITION PLAN FOR
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, the mission of Buffalo State is to inspire a lifelong passion for learning, and to empower a diverse population of students to succeed as citizens of a challenging world, and

WHEREAS, The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, educating more than 467,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs on 64 campuses with more than 2.5 million alumni around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo State and SUNY have the potential to create unprecedented opportunities not just for college students and their families, but for faculty and staff, businesses and industry, and the workforce of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, New York has done an outstanding job of limiting reliance on tuition to support SUNY's operations, holding tuition at \$4,970 per year – among the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the means by which this tuition rate has been achieved are anything but fair, SUNY having been allowed to raise tuition only 13 times over the last 48 years – the smallest of which was 7 percent and the highest of which was 43 percent; and

WHEREAS, a five-year tuition plan that is fair, equitable and responsible and keeps tuition revenues with SUNY campuses will provide students and their families the ability to adequately plan ahead and know that any tuition increase will be used to enhance educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Student leaders as represented by the Student Assembly of the State University of New York have called for a rational tuition plan and placed a fair, equitable and responsible tuition policy as a top priority; and

WHEREAS, it is unwaveringly clear that the past, present, and future of New York State is uniquely tied to its State University; and

WHEREAS, SUNY campuses must have and be able to provide fiscal stability to carry out this responsibility;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buffalo State College Council hereby supports the State University's proposal for the enactment of a five-year rational tuition plan as well as a commitment to the maintenance of effort throughout any given year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buffalo State College Council encourages the State Legislature to support this proposal and pass it into New York State Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buffalo State College Council shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

John T. Hoskins, Chair

Howard Zemsky, Vice Chair