

RELATIVE TO JOINING CONGRESSMAN BRIAN HIGGINS IN HIS CALL TO PROVIDE  
THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS WITH THEIR FAIR SHARE OF FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Council Chairman Andrew Touma  
Council Member William Kennedy II  
Council Member Ezra P. Scott, Jr.  
Council Member Kenny Tompkins

**WHEREAS**, This City Council realizes that the City of Niagara Falls has increased costs due to the millions of tourist that visit the City every year; and

**WHEREAS**, This City Council believes that the City of Niagara Falls does not receive the assistance it should for hosting millions of tourist each year; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of New York benefits greatly from the resources and attractions which are located in the City of Niagara Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, The State continues to generate millions of dollars of revenue and does little to mitigate the costs which the City of Niagara Falls incurs; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Niagara Falls is obligated to shoulder additional costs for Fire, Police, Infrastructure and additional services due to the influx of millions of guests each season into the State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, The tourist season is lengthening each year requiring increased costs; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Niagara Falls has never been fully compensated for the millions of dollars in lost revenue due to hundreds of acres of valuable land which was removed from its tax rolls to create the NYS Power Authority; and

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**WHEREAS**, The legislation to create the Power Authority states that the creation of such Authority should directly benefit the City of Niagara Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Buffalo has benefitted greatly from State funds, the City of Niagara Falls continues to struggle due to a lack of comparable funding; and

**WHEREAS**, This City Council does not desire to continue shifting this burden to the tax paying citizens of Niagara Falls.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this City Council joins with Congressman Brian Higgins in calling on the State of New York to help alleviate the costs to the City of Niagara Falls and become a true partner in serving the millions of guests we are honored to host.

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