RESOLUTION NO. 2019 –

RELATIVE TO DOWNTOWN REVTALIZATION INITIATIVE APPLICATION

By:
Councilman Bill Kennedy
Councilman Ezra Scott, Jr.
Councilman Kenny Tompkins
Councilman Christopher Voccio
Council Chairman Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls is submitting an Application for New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative with a total award of $10,000,0000, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York is currently removing the sections of the Robert Moses Parkway, which will create new and deliberate connectivity with the Niagara River waterfront creating the largest expansion of public parkland since 1885, resulting in new and expanded economic opportunities for investment and regeneration, and

WHEREAS, the City's application for North Main Street Niagara Falls, if selected, will drive implementation of multiple smart growth projects along Main Street and the surrounding neighborhood as specifically outlined in the 2009 Comprehensive Plan as a "Big Move," and

WHEREAS, the City's application will also promote new job creation, raise property values, create community amenities, bring in local tax revenues, attract new residents and businesses to downtown, building upon the city and region's strengths, and

WHEREAS, the area to be defined in the Downtown Revitalization Initiative City of Niagara Falls application represents the community with the greatest potential and the most immediate opportunity for private sector investment, public private partnerships and the greatest overall positive economic impact for all Western New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that it hereby supports the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application and authorizes the Mayor to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the application process, and further authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all documentation necessary related to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative or award.

Kennedy _____ Scott_____ Tompkins_____ Voccio_____ Touma_____