

RESOLUTION No. 2018-

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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