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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending B Team Buffalo, Inc. upon the occasion of its 6th year of serving the Buffalo community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the efforts of citizens of the State of New York who organize themselves for the purpose of improving and enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend B Team Buffalo upon the occasion of its 6th year of serving the Buffalo, New York, community; and

WHEREAS, Formed in early 2008 by a small group of Buffalo residents, B Team Buffalo, Inc.'s mission is to inspire the residents of the Greater Buffalo area to work collaboratively and play an active role in their community; the organization strives to be a catalyst for change, seeking to enhance the quality of life in Western New York through partnerships and exemplary leadership; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, B Team Buffalo, Inc. has delivered and served over 70 tons of Buffalo wings to almost 200,000 people during The National Buffalo Wing Festival; they also recruited and coordinated volunteers for the Bucket List Bash, as well as the March of Dimes Chef's Auction; and

WHEREAS, The B Team Buffalo, Inc.'s strong belief in giving back, and their selfless humanitarian spirit has benefited the Buffalo community in many ways; every three months, they gather a small group of 10 members to prepare a meal as part of the Cook for Kids program at Ronald McDonald House; they provided volunteers to assist in the execution of Buffalo's Olmsted Park's biggest fundraiser the Olmsted Party for the Parks; decorate homes and businesses with 50,000 lights, and feed 300

people for the Holiday each year for the City of Light Event; and revitalized a 10 block section of Doat Street near Shiller Park for their Doat Street Clean Up; and

WHEREAS, In addition, B Team Buffalo, Inc. served on the planning committee and volunteered to help run the TedX Buffalo events; recruited volunteers for Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center fundraising events; spent a weekend instilling pride in Buffalo with volunteers and planning the Buffalo Homecoming; and collected food and donations to feed the hungry during the South Buffalo Community Table; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing activities to children in the neighborhood for their Community Day project, the B Team Buffalo, Inc. volunteer their time within a city neighborhood on a Saturday during the summer; their projects range from building a community garden, to beautifying a neighborhood through tree planting, to picking up garbage; and

WHEREAS, More than deserving of recognition and praise, the B Team Buffalo has lived up to the motto it adopted from Mahatma Ghandi, "Be the change you wish to see in this world"; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body recognizes the many contributions of B Team Buffalo, Inc., and applauds its worthy efforts to create a movement driven by civic engagement to instill a greater sense of pride in Buffalo's future generations; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend B Team Buffalo, Inc. which has labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the residents and community it serves, noting the significance of its unremitting efforts to build a commonality of interest and pride of cooperative achievement, inherent in the values of community and family life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend B Team Buffalo upon the occasion of its 6th year of serving the Buffalo community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to B Team Buffalo, Inc.