

City of Buffalo

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, June 19, 2014 marks the 9th annual National Dump the Pump Day as a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, revitalize communities, protect the environment, reduce our dependence on foreign oil and improve the quality of life for all Americans; and
- WHEREAS, People who ride public transportation can save, on average, more than \$10,174 per year, based on today's gas prices, the cost of owning a car and the average unreserved parking rate; and
- WHEREAS, For every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic returns, powering community growth and revitalization; and
- WHEREAS, United States public transportation saves 37 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually – equivalent to the emissions resulting from the electricity generated for the use of 4.9 million households – comparable to households in Los Angeles, New York City, Washington DC, Atlanta and Denver, combined; and
- WHEREAS, In Buffalo, where within the past 12 months there have been 26 million boardings, the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) metro bus and rail continues to play a vital role in helping to reduce harmful emissions by reducing the number of cars on our highways and lessening the cost of transportation for thousands of people in Buffalo each day; and
- WHEREAS, The NFTA has 98 clean-running, efficient full-size hybrid buses in operation, making Metro Bus one of the greenest ways to travel. Metro hybrid buses also use 30 percent less fuel, which translates into more resources and service for riders. Metro Hybrid buses produce 90 percent less hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, particulates and 50 percent less nitrogen oxide. It's great news for the air. And, because Metro Rail runs on electricity, it's 100 percent emission free; and
- WHEREAS, People can help make a difference in Buffalo by riding Metro and encouraging their friends and family to do so as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, BYRON W. BROWN, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2014 as

National Dump the Pump Day

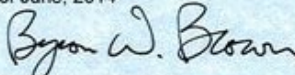
in the City of Buffalo and we join with public transportation agencies across the country to participate in the 9th annual National Dump the Pump Day to encourage transit ridership on June 19, 2014; and

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Buffalo declares that, by using public transportation, people save money; help the environment; reduce dependence on foreign oil; and improve America's quality of life;

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED THAT public transportation is an important part of our nation's transportation system and provides citizens with travel options other than driving a car.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Seal of the
City of Buffalo to be
affixed this 16th day
of June, 2014


BYRON W. BROWN
MAYOR