

City of Buffalo

Common Council

At the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo held on July 24, 2012, the following proclamation was adopted, sponsored by Niagara District Council Member David A. Rivera Designating the "Hispanic Heritage District"

Whereas, in an effort to feature the diversity of the City of Buffalo, the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. ask for the designation and proclamation of Niagara Street between Niagara Square and Porter Avenue as "Hispanic Heritage District" in the City of Buffalo; and

Whereas, Niagara Street is surrounded by the Lower West Side area which has one of the largest concentration and percentage of residents of Hispanic descent who are active in the community as well as the City of Buffalo; and

Whereas, Niagara Street has also been the location of the Hispanic Health Fairs sponsored by Urban Family Practice, the Annual Hispanic Health and Information Fair, the Puerto Rican Day Parade and many other events that showcase the community in positive ways and attracts thousands of people each year from a multitude of ethnic groups; and

Whereas, Niagara Street contains many Hispanic businesses, bakeries, restaurants, beauty salons and barbershops, and other Hispanic establishments along this area of the street; and

Whereas, Niagara Street is the route designated as "Avenida San Juan", an accomplishment achieved in collaboration with the Buffalo Common Council and the Puerto Rican Day Parade of WNY; and

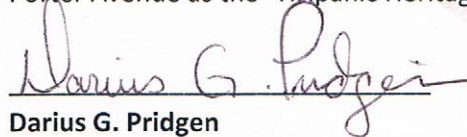
Whereas, in the nearby west side of Niagara Street there are two streets noted with the names of Hispanic-American leaders who resided in the community and dedicated their lives to the betterment of the Hispanic community and of the City of Buffalo: Seventh Street, "Isaias Gonzalez Sr. Way" and Trenton Street, "Ana Cotton Way"; and

Whereas, in this community there are institutions committed to the well-being of youth and seniors, such as Hispanics United of Buffalo, The Belle Center, Los Tainos Senior Citizens Center, Holy Cross R.C. Church, Primera Iglesia Metodista Unida, Neighborhood Health Center, Waterfront Health Care Center, Lakeshore Behavioral Health, Beechers Boys & Girls Club, Herman Badillo Bilingual Academy PS#76, D'Youville Porter Campus School #3 and the Waterfront Elementary School PS#95; and

Whereas, the Niagara Street Corridor serves as the gateway between Canada and the United States of America, and that for the Hispanic Community it is a privilege to host the many visitors from around the world; and

Whereas, The naming of this part of Niagara Street as "Hispanic Heritage District" will further establish Niagara Street as an identified Hispanic and Cultural destination as a place to welcome visitors to the City of Buffalo.

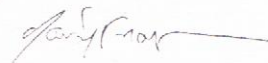
Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the Common Council designates and proclaims Niagara Street between Niagara Square and Porter Avenue as the "Hispanic Heritage District."



Darius G. Pridgen
Ellicott District Council Member



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