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City of Buffalo

Common Council

At the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the following proclamation was unanimously adopted, sponsored by Councilmember Bonnie E. Russell:

Whereas: The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research & Education on Women, Inc. ("UQI") was founded in 1999 to celebrate the Centennial of the 1901 Pan American Exposition in Buffalo, New York; and

Whereas: The UQI is credited with the development of the Uncrowned Queens web-based model which serves to celebrate, identify, collect and preserve the histories of African American women community builders across the country; and

Whereas: The UQI techno-pedia provides a dynamic wide-range of interactive and world-accessible repository of African American women's, and more recently, men's regional histories while making a significant contribution to bridging the digital divide through the use of technology to preserve culture and history in digital format that can be preserved in perpetuity; and

Whereas: The UQI is comprised of many educational ventures including programs for schools, publications, oral history projects, community recognition programs, multi-media presentations; and

Whereas: The UQI co-founders have initiated activities to replicate the UQI model throughout the nation; and have seen the success of their work in the first replication project; Uncrowned Queens of Oklahoma, an official Oklahoma State Centennial Master Plan project to celebrate one hundred years of African American women's contributions to the building of the State of Oklahoma; and

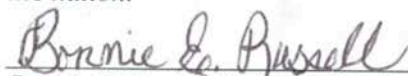
Whereas: The UQI in every community in which it exists has raised the level of awareness, appreciation and knowledge of the history of African Americans to focus on yearlong activities relative to the accomplishments and contributions of these community builders; and

Whereas: In response to popular request since the UQI's inception, 2007 launched its first **Uncrowned Kings** historical preservation project which will focus on African American male community builders; and

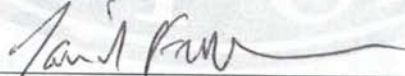
Whereas: As the magnitude of these projects continues to be measured, one noteworthy area of growth is that of "heritage tourism", as the project heralds the significance of the very communities that give rise to Uncrowned Queens and Kings in these regions; and

Whereas: The UQI model provides the framework by which communities can be taught to excavate, illuminate, preserve and disseminate the histories of African American Women and Men who fall beneath the radar and whose stories might otherwise be lost forever.

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Buffalo commends the co-founders of the UQI for their commitment to the preservation of African American history, the legacy of African American women and men community builders and the development of a replicable model to serve as a framework for continued preservation of African American history across the nation.



Bonnie E. Russell, President Pro Tempore



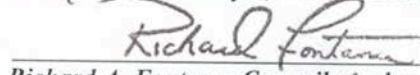
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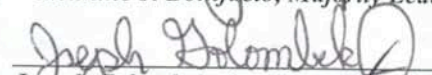
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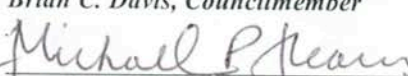
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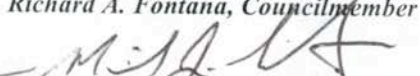
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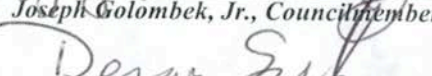
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Given this 29th day of June 2007

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Dan Goodson, President

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