Pridgen, Wingo Sr, Wyatt - Naming a Roadway in Honor of Black Lives Matter

Whereas the death of George Floyd, a 46-year old black man died while a police officer knelt on his neck for almost nine minutes, while three other officers assisted in holding Mr. Floyd down and observed, has sparked diverse worldwide protest and demonstration;

Whereas Mr. Floyd joins the other names that have been killed by law enforcement or shot to death while unarmed: Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Alton Sterling, Botham Jean, Atatiana Jefferson, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others;

Whereas citizens of The City of Buffalo, as young as Mekhi Edwards, a 17-year old who attends Frederick Law Olmsted School, have expressed their desire to commemorate this movement;

Whereas Black Lives Matter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin’s murderer, who strives to combat and counter acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination;

Whereas this is a turning point in history that should forever be memorialized in Buffalo; and

Whereas streets are at times named for people or organizations who have contributed to the advancement of causes for the advancement of our communities: Now, Therefore Be It

Resolved that The City of Buffalo Common Council-

1) Calls for a Street or Section thereof to be designated “Black Lives Matter” in The City of Buffalo;

2) Names Mekhi Edwards, Honorary Youth Chairperson of this endeavor;

3) Requests the Administration works with The Council to determine which street or section shall be designated; and

4) Directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Mayor Byron Brown, and the Department of Public Works.

The Council adopted the resolves on 2020 JUN 23.
COMMENTS - Current Meeting:
Remainder sent to Legislation Committee

RESULT: ADOPTED