SUSPENSION
A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Re: Requesting the Termination of Employees at Clover Group

WHEREAS, this honorable body stands united against racism, white supremacy, and
discrimination, and acknowledges the pain these hateful ideologies have caused in this Country,
especially in light of the anniversaries of the May 14th racist terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, the Clover Group has been accused of implementing racist policies, in
particular refusing to develop affordable housing for senior citizens in neighborhoods that are
majority-minority neighborhoods, particularly neighborhoods that are predominantly Black;
and

WHEREAS, a number of Clover Group employees were recorded making racist tropes,
using the term “Canadians” to refer to Black people, and were jovial in their racist remarks; and

WHEREAS, the allegations against the Clover Group and the corresponding evidence are
clear and disturbing enough that immediate action needs to occur, in the form of termination
of the persons and parties who were recorded on tape making racist statements; and

WHEREAS, these allegations highlight the systemic problem in this Country of racial
discrimination, in particular with housing development; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo, as much as any other city, has been suffering from discriminatory
housing practices that are being alleged at Clover Group, which has resulted in Buffalo being
one of the most segregated cities in this Country, and a target for racist attacks, such as May
14, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature urges Clover Group to terminate the persons
on the recording who made and accepted racist remarks; and

RESOLVED, calls on Clover Group to make a statement against racial housing
discrimination; and

RESOLVED, urges the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to
investigate Clover Group and its policies; and

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to United States
Department Housing and Urban Development, New York State Governor, Erie County
Executive.