A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS LORIGO, MILLS, MORTON & RATH

Re: Support for the Common Core Parental Refusal Act

WHEREAS, the Common Core Learning Standards were proposed by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers and are designed to standardize testing for children in most grade levels; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body feels that parents should have more control over the education of their children; and

WHEREAS, teachers are being forced to teach "to the test" as opposed to engaging a students critical thinking

WHEREAS, parents are currently allowed to ask that their children not be forced to take the tests effectively opting out from the Common Core curriculum at certain ages; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core Parental Refusal Act will require schools properly notify parents that they have the right to opt their children out of the Common Core Standardized tests for children in grades three through eight; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core Parental Refusal Act protects students, teachers, and school districts from punishment based on participation or student performance in the standardized tests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body urges passage of the Common Core Parental Refusal Act introduced in the state legislature (A.6025/S.4161) so that parents receive appropriate notification from the State of New York regarding a student's ability to refuse participation in all state testing based on common core standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body asks the Erie County Executive to similarly support the rights of parents to have a role in their children's education by endorsing this state legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Assembly and Senate, Governor Andrew Cuomo, and all parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None