

SUSPENSION

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

Re: Calling on the Governor to Release all State Records from Winter Storm Knife

WHEREAS, the 2014 November storm brought record amounts of snowfall across large parts of Erie County leading to the deaths of more than a dozen residents; and

WHEREAS, the storm caused large sections of the New York State Thruway to be closed off, though for many motorists already stranded on the Thruway it was too late; and

WHEREAS, requests under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) for emails and correspondence regarding the storm have been made of the Governor's Office as early as December of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo's administration has refused to release the records and information from that storm; and

WHEREAS, those records could be used to help with preparation for the next extreme weather event and could save lives the next time around; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body calls on the Governor's Office to release all information their office has regarding the State Thruway Authority's role in the November 2014 storm and correspondence related to the decisions made at the time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby requests all information related to New York State's response to Winter Storm Knife, the closing of the I-90, and all other state correspondence related to the handling of the November 2014 blizzard be released to the public immediately; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Cuomo's Office, the New York State Thruway Authority, and any parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None