

**Amendment to INTRO. 15-2 (2015)  
July 29, 2015**

Amend Intro. 15-2 to read as follows:

WHEREAS, this honorable body has supported attempts to reform Child Protective Services (CPS) on numerous occasions over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 this body approved an increase in the number of managers operating within CPS and strongly urged the executive to add more front line workers instead of managers; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 this body approved the Executive's request for 36 additional CPS workers and endorsed a full slate of resolutions aimed at reform for the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 members of this honorable body called for the resignation of an ineffective Social Services Commissioner, and further worked to prevent her reappointment as head of the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body has consistently worked in an attempt to ease the burden on the CPS system; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body feels it is time for county officials to come together and discuss the reality of the problem and where we can go from here in an open and honest dialogue between the Legislature and County Executive Poloncarz; and

WHEREAS, being "on the right track" does not mean that our issues are resolved, it means that steps in the right direction have been taken, but as indicated in recent media reports we, as a County, still have a long way to go before we can call it a success; and

WHEREAS, the issue this body has had is that the administration has widely reported these numbers to the residents of Erie County and reported them as a victory with nothing left to do but wait for things to get better; and

WHEREAS, politics are played when no answer is given and those responsible for the situation hide behind letters and bureaucrats, the time for discussion and answers is now.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby requests the presence of Hon. Mark C. Poloncarz at a special session to be set at his convenience during the month of August, 2015 for the express purpose of discussing Child Protective Services; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Office of the County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, and all parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None