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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 9, 2010

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Acceptance of Signs from the Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition

Dear Honorable Members:

Attached is a resolution and memorandum from the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry (Parks) concerning the acceptance of up to 150 anti-smoking signs from the Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition ("Coalition"). The approximate cost per sign is $20.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Parks Commissioner Troy Schinzel. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

cc: Troy Schinzel, Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Re: Acceptance of Signs from the Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition
Date: July 5, 2010

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature approve the attached resolution prepared by the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry (Parks) authorizing the County Executive to accept up to 150 signs from the Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition. These signs will be installed at County parks, beaches and forests promulgating the county's new "smoke-free parks" policy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no fiscal impact.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition has offered to donate anti-smoking signs to be installed at parks, beaches and forests to help promulgate the county's new "smoke-free parks" policy. The County Executive requires the Legislature's authorization to accept this donation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Intro 9-9 (2012), approved as amended on May 10, 2012, requested the Commissioner of Health and Commissioner of Parks examine the feasibility of making county parks smoke-free. After careful research, the County announced on July 2 that it is implementing a "smoke-free parks" policy. The Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition has offered to donate up to 150 anti-smoking signs to be installed at parks, beaches and forests to help promulgate this new rule.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this resolution will result in these signs not being accepted. The County would then have to produce its own signs, at a cost to County taxpayers.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will accept the donation from the Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition. These signs will then be installed at County parks, beaches and forestry.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
Erie County Parks, Recreation and Forestry

RE: Acceptance of Signs from the Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry recently announced it was implementing a "smoke-free parks" policy; and

WHEREAS, the Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition has offered to donate up to 150 anti-smoking signs to be installed at County parks, beaches and forestry, and the Department of Parks wishes to accept; and

WHEREAS, the cost per sign is approximately $20 and would carry the message "Breathe Easy" or "Young Lungs at Play"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law, donations must be approved and accepted by the Erie County Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the acceptance, from the Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition, of up to 150 anti-smoking signs to be installed at County parks, beaches and forestry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the office of the Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Commissioner of the Department of Parks Recreation & Forestry Troy Schinzel, Erie-Niagara Tobacco-Free Coalition, and the Erie County Attorney.