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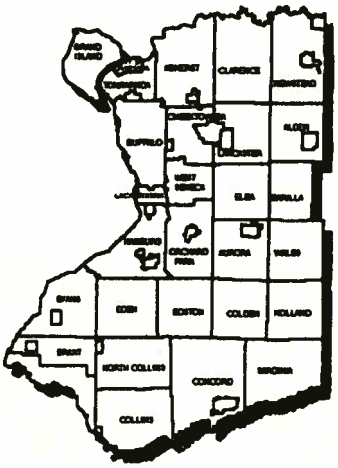

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

At our monthly meeting of the Association of Erie County Governments held in the Town of West Seneca on September 27, 2012, the following resolution was moved by Supervisor Glenn Nellis -Town of Eden and seconded by Supervisor David Cummings -Town of Newstead and unanimously approved. Abstained – Supervisor Mary Cooke-Town of Grand Island until discussed with Grand Island Library Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, through its Trustees and Senior Staff, continue to develop a Memorandum of Understanding, which would establish a top on down structure for governing the Library system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed top on down structure will strip local community boards of trustees of any authority over their local library; and

WHEREAS, this work is continuing without full discussion with either municipal government(s) affected by their actions, many of whom own the local libraries buildings and grounds; and

WHEREAS, this work is continuing also without on-going discussions with either the County Executive or County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, this process is putting pressure on local library boards of trustees to support this effort always with the fear of retribution if they don't go along with the process; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding proposes the setting up of a special taxing district for libraries, thus introducing another taxing level to local governments;

NOW, THEFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Erie County Governments goes on record opposing this "Memorandum of Understanding" which sets up a new taxing district and strips our local Library Board of Trustees of its authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge our municipal Library Board of Trustees in Erie County not to sign this proposed Memorandum of Understanding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Erie County Governments ask the Supervisors and Mayors to send a copy of this resolution to their local Library Boards, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Legislators, Mary Jean Jakubowski, Director, Buffalo & Erie County Library, 1 Lafayette Sq, Buffalo, NY 14203-1887, Jack Connors, President, Buffalo & Erie County Library (same address)

I, Marilynn Calhoun-Allen, Executive Director of the Association of Erie County Governments, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true transcript of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Associations of Erie County Governments, as held in the Town of West Seneca on September 27, 2012, and that said meeting was duly called and duly constituted and that a quorum was present.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Association of Erie County Governments this October 1, 2012

Marilynn Calhoun-Allen

Marilynn Calhoun-Allen, Executive Director

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