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April 23, 2013

Robert M. Graber, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
Rath Building  
95 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Mr. Graber:

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has received Erie County's request, made by your letter dated February 23, 2013 to extend the review dates of three parent districts. The proposed extension of district review dates is described in and approved by the Erie County Legislature by resolution No. 2-1 (2013) dated January 24, 2013 and resolution No.6-2 (2013).

Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) §303-a(1) provides that in counties with multiple districts with review dates in any twelve month period, the Commissioner, on petition of the county legislative body, may, for good cause shown, approve an extension of up to four years for a district review. Erie County Agricultural District Nos. 2, 4 and 15 each have a review date which is within twelve months of the review date of another district or districts. The information that you provided indicates that the proposed extension of review dates would streamline the agricultural district review process in Erie County, reduce costs incurred by County taxpayers, better serve the County's agricultural community and take advantage of new technology.

In response to Erie County's request and upon good cause shown, approval is hereby granted, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law §303-a(1), for an extension of review dates of Erie County Agricultural District Nos. 2, 4 and 15 as follows:

- 1) Erie County Agricultural District No. 2, with a review date of April 16, 2013 will be extended approximately three (3) years and two (2) months with an anniversary date of June 21, 2016.
- 2) Erie County Agricultural District No. 4, with a review date of April 16, 2013 will be extended approximately three (3) years and two (2) months with an anniversary date of June 21, 2016.

- 3) Erie County Agricultural District No. 15, with a review date of December 21, 2013 will be extended approximately three (3) years and eight (8) months with an anniversary date of August 9, 2017.

Pursuant to AML §303-a(1), the extended review dates is herein approved and shall be deemed the creation date for purposes of subsequent review by the Erie County Legislature.

Sincerely,



Darrel J. Aubertine,  
Commissioner

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