

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR McCRACKEN**

**RE: Requesting Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to Extend Review
Dates of Agricultural District 15**

WHEREAS, Erie County is in the process of consolidation of the County's fourteen Agricultural Districts into four; and

WHEREAS, Section 303-a of the Agricultural Districts Law allows counties with multiple districts with review dates in any 12-month period, to petition the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to approve for good cause, an extension of up to four years for a district review; and

WHEREAS, the review anniversary for Agricultural District 5 falls on December 4, 2013 and the review anniversary for Agricultural District 15 falls on December 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the County's Consolidation plan is to combine the lands of Agricultural District 15 that lie within the Towns of North Collins and Collins with Agricultural Districts 2, 4, 8, and 9; and

WHEREAS, the County's Consolidation plan is to combine the lands of Agricultural District 15 that lie within the Towns of Concord, Boston, and Colden with Agricultural Districts 6 and 11; and

WHEREAS, the review anniversary for the western portion of Agricultural District 15 must be aligned with the review anniversaries of Agricultural Districts with Districts 2, 4, 8, and 9 in order to make consolidation of these adjacent districts feasible; and

WHEREAS, the review anniversary for the eastern portion of Agricultural District 15 must also be aligned with the review anniversaries of Agricultural Districts 6 and 11 in order to make consolidation of these adjacent districts feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature petitions the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to extend the review date of the western portion of Agricultural District 15 to begin on August 26, 2015 and end the 300-day review period (anniversary) on June 21, 2016; and

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature Petitions the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to extend the review date of the eastern portion of Agricultural District 15 to begin on October 13, 2016, and end the 300-day review period (anniversary) on August 9, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution.