

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS RATH AND LOUGHRAN

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RE: Opposition to the closure of the Amherst Social Security Field Office

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Erie County Legislature to ensure the continued care of the county's elderly and disabled; and

WHEREAS, the region, with over 180,000 social security recipients, already has seen a dramatic cut in Social Security personnel over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the closing of the Amherst Social Security Office, located at 3131 Sheridan Dr. Northtown Business Ctr., would create an access barrier to necessary social security services for the county's elderly and disabled; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brian Higgins also opposes the closure of the Social Security Office warning that residents may have to endure long delays due to case backlogs and those residents already facing difficulties may have to deal with new challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature opposes the closing of the Amherst Social Security office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body gives its support to Rep. Higgins in his opposition to the closing of the Social Security office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution are sent to the Social Security Administration's regional Public Affairs office, NYS Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, the Erie County Executive and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None