

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR MILLS, LORIGO, DIXON, HARDWICK AND RATH**

Re: Transfer of Fund Balance to Department of Public Works for 2018 Road Repair Projects

WHEREAS, the past several years have shown a marked deterioration of road conditions across Erie County and this past winter's freeze-thaw cycle has worsened the driving conditions across all 1,200 lane miles of road in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure is one of the primary assets county government is tasked with preserving on behalf of tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the county can be, and often is, held liable for damage to personal property caused by neglect of county owned roadways leading to taxpayers covering the cost of flat tires, damaged rims, and broken axels; and

WHEREAS, the inability to properly keep up with road repairs has even led to more serious safety issues including emergency medical transportation concerns from ambulatory service providers worried about providing smooth and safe rides for injured patients; and

WHEREAS, current undesignated/unassigned fund balance is over \$103 million and an appropriation of \$5 million would leave \$98 million, which is more funding in reserve than is advised by ratings agencies; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding will allow the Department of Public Works to complete additional projects in the 2018 construction season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby moves \$5 million from the fund balance and transfers it to the Department of Public Works to be spent on additional road and infrastructure projects in 2018; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding authorized by this resolution shall be spent only on 2018 road repair projects and related costs and that any funding not utilized in the 2018 shall be returned to the unassigned fund balance; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution are sent to Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Comptroller Stephan Mychajliw, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, the Commissioner of Budget and Management, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: Total and Unassigned Fund Balance shall be reduced by \$5 million and the total departmental budget for the Dept. of Public Works shall be increased by \$5 million