

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

**Re: Support for Increased Notification Related to Protection of Private Information about
Pistol Permit Ownership from Public Disclosure**

WHEREAS, New York laws allow for the public release of information following a proper request under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), including the name, address, and date of birth of all pistol permit holders; and

WHEREAS, the NYSAFE Act also contains provisions that allow pistol permit holders to notify their County Clerk that they do not wish for their information to be released publicly; and

WHEREAS, many people do not want information related to their pistol license to be made public and are unaware they have the right to request their information be withheld from a FOIL request; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body finds the Erie County Clerk to be in the best position to notify Erie County residents of the ability to opt-out of FOIL requests related to their private ownership of firearms; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk properly sends out final applications to request exemption from FOIL requirements after pistol permits have been granted; and

WHEREAS, this body finds that additional notification of the right to exempt one's personal information from FOIL requests would be appropriate at the time of application as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, this honorable body hereby asks the Erie County Clerk to include, as part of all new pistol permit registrations notification related to the ability of residents to apply for a public records exemption FOIL form for holders of pistol permits; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Clerk's office and all parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for Resolution.