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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 13, 2012

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Division of Public Health Laboratories & Environmental Health Programs  
Creation of Part-Time Position**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health provides Public Health Laboratory services to various departments in Erie County government, local health departments from around the state, government agencies, area hospitals, and local health care providers. Other counties and other agencies pay the Erie County Public Health Laboratory to render public health services.

Niagara County has established a fully executed contract with the Erie County Department of Health for the provision of laboratory services for its Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic in Niagara Falls, N.Y. This resolution will authorize the creation of one part-time (PT) position of Laboratory Technologist (Public Health), JG 7, in order to effectively and efficiently fulfill the requirements of the contract with Niagara County. As stated in the attached memorandum, no additional county funding is required to fund this position.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Gale R. Burstein, M.D., M.P.H. at the Health Department. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb  
Enclosure

cc: Gale R. Burstein, M.D., M.P.H., Health Department

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Health  
**Re:** Division of Public Health Laboratories & Environmental Health Programs  
Creation of Part-Time Position  
**Date:** February 1, 2012

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### **SUMMARY**

To authorize the creation of one part-time position of Laboratory Technologist (Public Health), JG 7, in order to effectively and efficiently fulfill the requirements of their contract with Niagara County.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No additional county funding is required. Costs versus revenue projections indicate that the Erie County Public Health Laboratory will cover all direct and indirect costs associated with this venture through the executed contract with Niagara County.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Niagara County is seeking to contract with the Erie County Public Health Laboratory for the provision of laboratory services for its Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Erie County Department of Health provides Public Health Laboratory services to various departments in Erie County government, local health departments from around the state, government agencies, area hospitals, and local health care providers.

Each contracting county Health Department is responsible for delivery of a comprehensive program of health services to the residents of its county pursuant to the New York Public Health Law, and further, each municipal corporation in New York is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements such as this under Article 5G of New York General Municipal Law.

Other counties and other agencies pay the Erie County Public Health Laboratory to render public health services.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

We will be unable to fulfill the requirements of the contract with Niagara County.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Erie County Health Department will follow appropriate steps necessary to fill the position.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**RE: Division of Public Health Laboratories  
& Environmental Health Programs  
Creation of Part-Time Position**

**WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health provides Public Health Laboratory services to various departments in Erie County government, local health departments from around the state, government agencies, area hospitals, and local health care providers; and**

**WHEREAS, each contracting county Health Department is responsible for delivery of a comprehensive program of health services to the residents of its county pursuant to the New York Public Health Law, and further, each municipal corporation in New York is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements such as this under Article 5G of New York General Municipal Law; and**

**WHEREAS, other counties and other agencies pay the Erie County Public Health Laboratory to render public health services; and**

**WHEREAS, Niagara County has established a fully executed contract with the Erie County Department of Health for the provision of laboratory services for its Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and has agreed to reimburse the county at the rate of \$30 per hour for work performed; and**

**WHEREAS, in order to effectively and efficiently fulfill the requirements of this contract, it is necessary to create one part-time position of Laboratory Technologist (Public Health), JG 7; and**

**WHEREAS, costs versus revenue projections indicate that the Erie County Public Health Laboratory will cover all direct and indirect costs associated with this venture through the executed contract with Niagara County.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of one part-time position of Laboratory Technologist (Public Health), JG 7, as indicated on B100 number 6797; to be budgeted as follows:

**EXPENSES**

500010	Part Time Wages	\$12,540
502000	Fringe Benefits	1,128
505800	Laboratory Supplies	<u>500</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$14,168</u></b>

**REVENUE**

416560	Lab Fees – Other Counties	<u>\$14,168</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$14,168</u></b>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Department of Law and to Gale R. Burstein, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner in the Erie County Department of Health, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.