

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS HARDWICK, MILLS, RATH, WALTER, DIXON and FUDOLI**

Re: Conducting Evening and Off-Site Legislative Sessions

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature represents the citizens of Erie County and makes decisions that affect the citizens of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Erie County fund the initiatives put forth by the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is accountable to the citizens of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Erie County deserve the opportunity to witness their representatives at session in order to better hold them accountable; and

WHEREAS, conducting sessions downtown during the typical workday denies many citizens the opportunity to witness their representatives at session; and

WHEREAS, holding sessions off-site and in the evening would give more citizens the opportunity to witness their representatives at session; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature conduct four of its remaining sessions in 2011 in the evening; and be it further

RESOLVED, that one of these sessions occur in the Northtowns, one in the Southtowns and one in an Eastern town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature conduct eight of its 2012 sessions in the evening, with two of those sessions in the Northtowns, two in the Southtowns and two in an Eastern town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be delivered to the County Executive, the County Comptroller, the County Clerk, the County Sheriff and the County Attorney.

Fiscal Impact: None.