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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS LORIGO, MILLS, HARDWICK, RATH, DIXON

RE: Re-designating and appropriating $7.5 million to Erie Community College

WHEREAS, last year, at the 10th session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers, in the City of Buffalo, on the Twelfth day of May, 2011 A.D., a resolution was adopted, unanimously; and

WHEREAS, that resolution designated funds from the 2010 year end surplus to various capital projects throughout the county, which included funds for Erie Community College; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 surplus exceeded $23.5 million, of which $7.5 was designated for the purpose of funding a new academic building and improvements to the Erie Community College North Campus; and

WHEREAS, this cash designation serves as the County funding match to a financial arrangement that includes $15 million from the State of New York and $7.5 million from the Erie Community College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo appropriated the $15 million State contribution in this year's New York State Budget; and

WHEREAS, the inability to provide our local match could jeopardize the State funding and signal the premature termination of this project; and

WHEREAS, without further legislative action, last year's designation is set to expire on May 12th 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body requests that Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz enter into a funding contract with Erie Community College that appropriates the $7.5 million to the college as the local match for their enhancement efforts of the college's North Campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Hon. Mark C. Poloncarz, County Executive, Hon. Jack Quinn, President of Erie Community College, and members of the Western New York State Legislative Delegation.