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**A RESOLUTION BY LEGISLATORS GREENAN, LARSON, CHASE, RANZENHOFER,  
WEINSTEIN & MARSHALL**

**RE: POTENTIAL SAVINGS THROUGH SELF-INSURANCE OF ERIE  
COUNTY'S EMPLOYEE DENTAL PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, a recent audit of general purpose financial statements of the County of Erie for the year ending 1997 performed by Deloitte & Touche revealed potential savings through the self-insurance of the County's employee dental program, and

**WHEREAS**, it was noted that the County provides dental benefits to its employees through the use of a private insurer. Since there are generally yearly maximums on these types of claims (which thereby limits the amount of risk), an opportunity exists for the County to self-insure this benefit and save money, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility and moral imperative of Erie County to seek ways in which to improve the operation of county government, increase the quality and efficiency of programs and services and reduce the overall cost of government for local residents and taxpayers

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby recognize the recommendation as contained in the Deloitte & Touche audit of Erie County government, 1997, for potential savings through the self-insurance of the County's employee dental program, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby desire to explore this potential for cost savings, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby request that the County Department of Personnel obtain a loss experience for the County GHI dental program and complete and analysis of the claims paid vs. premiums paid, as well as the additional cost of staff additions to administer the program and/or the hiring of a "Third Party" Administrator to handle the claims, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby request the Leonard Lenihan, Commissioner, Department of Personnel, appear before the next meeting of the Finance and Management Committee to report as to the progress of the analysis on the potential for Erie County to self-insure its employee dental program, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Leonard Lenihan, Commissioner, Department of Personnel.

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**Fiscal Impact: possible savings to taxpayers**