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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR PEOPLES

**RE: POTENTIAL REGIONALIZATION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
AND INVESTMENT OF IDLE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, The Erie County Legislature has consistently shown leadership in the field of regionalism and consolidation with the goal of reducing the cost of government and improving services for the taxpayers of the county, and

WHEREAS, In Deloitte and Touche's year end report on the county's finances they have identified possible cost saving opportunities through regionalization, and

WHEREAS, One area identified is workers' compensation, with the recommendation being the exploration of "consolidation of claims paying processes and various other administrative functions" involving Erie County and various municipalities, and

WHEREAS, The other area mentioned is the investment of idle funds, with the possibility of Erie County and municipalities pooling available cash for increased investment purchasing power, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body does believe that both areas should be given a thorough and timely investigation as to their feasibility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature does hereby reaffirm its continuing commitment to cooperative regional initiatives that result in better services and lower costs for the taxpayers of Erie County, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body does hereby request that representatives from the Erie County Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Erie County Attorney's Office, and the Erie County Comptroller's Office develop a response within 30 days of passage of this resolution as to the feasibility and possible cost savings of implementing Deloitte and Touche's recommendations for regionalizing workers' compensation and investment of idle funds, and be prepared to discuss said response at a future meeting of the Legislature's Finance and Management Committee, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be sent to Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski, Erie County Division of Budget, Management and Finance Director Kenneth Kruly, Erie County Attorney Kenneth Shoetz, and Erie County Comptroller Nancy Naples.

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**CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES**

**Fiscal Impact:** Possible cost savings to the taxpayers of Erie County.