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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS FISHER, SWANICK & PEOPLES

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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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**RE: PREPARATION FOR SPRING OF LIFE REUNION**

WHEREAS, in 1992 pro-choice and pro-life activists participated in Spring of Life demonstrations outside Buffalo area clinics, and

WHEREAS, this event attracted as many as 1,000 outside pro-life activists to the Buffalo area and led to approximately 625 arrests, and

WHEREAS, police and court costs for this event, which ran from April 20<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1992, totaled over \$500,000, and

WHEREAS, leaders of the pro-life movement have announced that they are inviting 60,000 to Buffalo from April 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> for the seventh anniversary of the Spring of Life protests, and

WHEREAS, county and local officials must develop a game plan to address public safety concerns with regard to this upcoming event,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature recognizes the passion felt by pro-life and pro-choice activists who may participate in the Spring of Life protests in 1999, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that, in preparation for the Spring of Life reunion, this Honorable Body requests a meeting with federal, state, county and local law enforcement officers to ensure that during this event safety remains a priority and all laws are obeyed and enforced, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body does hereby invite representatives from the U.S. Attorney's office, the New York State Attorney General's office, the Erie County Sheriff's office, the Buffalo Police Department and the Amherst Police Department to a future meeting of the Public Safety Committee to discuss their plans for maintaining safety during this event, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to United States Attorney Denise O'Donnell, NYS Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, Erie County Sheriff Patrick Gallivan, Buffalo Police Commissioner Rocco Diina, Amherst Police Chief Frank W. Olesko.

JUDITH P. FISHER

CHARLES M. SWANICK

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**Fiscal Impact:** To be determined.