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**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR WHYTE**

RE: Adding Two Voting Members to the Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board

WHEREAS, a resolution establishing the Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board was passed in the Erie County Legislature on November 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the resolution established a board consisting of 13 voting members appointed by various elected officials in Erie County, as well as Department Heads and other parties who are involved with the operations of the Holding Center and the Correctional Facility in Alden; and

WHEREAS, the population at both facilities includes a high density of Hispanics; and

WHEREAS, earlier versions of the resolution establishing the Advisory Board contained an appointment for Hispanics United of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, the Community Corrections Advisory Board conducted its first meeting on February 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board heard testimony from Niagara District Councilman David Rivera and from the Executive Director of Hispanics United, Lourdes Iglesias at its first meeting; and

WHEREAS, their testimony indicated that the Community Corrections Advisory Board will not operate with the full confidence of the community if the Hispanic community continues to be excluded from direct participation; and

WHEREAS, after some discussion a majority of the Advisory Board Members expressed the need for the County Legislature to add two additional members to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, one to be named by Hispanics United of Buffalo and one to be named by an organization yet to be determined.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that two additional voting members be added to the Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that one voting member be named by the Erie County Legislature upon the recommendation of Hispanics United of Buffalo and that the other be named by the Legislature upon the recommendation of an organization still yet to be determined; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie county Executive, the Sheriff, the members of the Erie County Corrections Advisory Board, and Hispanics United of Buffalo.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for Resolution.