

**SUSPENSION**  
**INTRO 15-10**

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS KOZUB, MAZUR, WHALEN, WHYTE**

**Re: Supporting the request by the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens for a grant of \$200,000 in capital improvement funds from the County**

WHEREAS, the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens is owned by the County of Erie and by contractual agreement the County of Erie is responsible for capital improvements for the facility; and

WHEREAS, the historical building has a tri-dome structure and since 2001 two of the three domes have been restored through a combination of foundation grants, Society efforts, and County funds. The third dome (greenhouse 3) and the attached greenhouse 2 have not yet been restored and are in dire need of reconstruction to maintain the safety of the property for visitors; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the restoration will be over \$2 million. \$400,000 from the Botanical Gardens Society and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO) have already been committed for the first phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, a County fund has been created for cultural agencies to obtain one time grants for capital improvements to their properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature requests that the County Executive approve a one-time grant of \$200,000 for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens for the restoration of the third dome, from the fund that has been established to assist cultural organizations with capital projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this certified resolution be sent to County Executive Chris Collins, Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Executive Director David Swarts.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$200,000 to be distributed to the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens for capital improvements