

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS MARINELLI, BOVE, MILLER-WILLIAMS, WHYTE,
KOZUB, WHALEN, GRANT, MAZUR & LOUGHRAN**

Re: Expenditure of Allocated Funds for Rodent Abatement

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2011 the Erie County Legislature passed a resolution (7E-7, 2011) that approved an increase in funding to the Erie County Health Department to assist towns and villages in transitioning rodent control services from the County to the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the \$70,000 allocation was specifically designed to provide training to municipal employees who could then conduct rodent abatement; and

WHEREAS, as of July 19, 2011 officials from the County Health Department report that they have not allocated any funds from this appropriation for training for municipal employees to conduct rodent abatement; and

WHEREAS, those same Health Department employees indicated at the Legislature's Mid-Year Budget Hearings that they were waiting on direction from the County Executive's office on how to direct spending the \$70,000 for rodent abatement; and

WHEREAS, as the summer months go by residents continue to call the district offices of many Erie County Legislators inquiring about rodent abatement and complaining about increasing rat infestations in the towns and villages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature requests that the County Executive and the Health Department immediately present a plan to spend the allocated \$70,000 for rodent abatement training of municipal employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature further recommends restoring at least two positions in the County Health Department in the rabies disease and vector control areas; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to County Executive Chris Collins, Health Department Commissioner Dr. Anthony Billitier, and all of the Supervisors and Mayors of the Municipalities affected by this resolution in Erie County.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for the resolution