

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS DIXON, MILLS, WALTER, FUDOLI and HARDWICK**

Re: Supporting the implementation of the “Yellow Dot” and “Vial of Life” programs in Erie County

WHEREAS, the “Yellow Dot” program is a program that helps drivers involved in auto accidents make healthcare information more easily accessible to emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, a yellow sticker on the rear windshield of a car signifies that a folder in the glove compartment contains the driver’s photo, medications, allergies, contacts and other information; and

WHEREAS, the “Yellow Dot” program has found great success in Connecticut, Alabama and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the “Vial of Life” project is a similar program designed to protect individuals in need of medical assistance at their homes; and

WHEREAS, “Vial of Life” participants place a decal on their front doors, alerting emergency responders of a packet of medical information on the home’s refrigerator door; and

WHEREAS, the cost of implementing these programs would be small and the potential benefits could include saving lives; and

WHEREAS, participation in each of the programs is entirely voluntary for participants; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services could coordinate public awareness of the programs and trainers at the Department of Senior Services could work with Emergency Service providers to inform them about operation of the programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body encourages the Erie County Department of Senior Services to coordinate implementation of the “Yellow Dot” and “Vial of Life” programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Senior Services, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and the County Executive.

FISCAL IMPACT: Minimal, possibly offset by increased grant funding.