

SUSPENSION INTRO 21-4

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS DIXON and MILLER-WILLIAMS

Re: The consolidation of Vital Statistics Reporting District #1498 (VA WNY Healthcare System) and #1401 (Registrar of Vital Statistics, Buffalo, NY)

WHEREAS, in accord with New York State Public Health Law Section 4120, the City of Buffalo is a primary registration district for maintaining vital statistic records and certificates and is designated as Reporting District #1401; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Veterans Administration of Western New York Healthcare System (VA WNY Healthcare System) is maintaining vital statistic records and certificates for deceased individuals as Reporting District #1498; and

WHEREAS, the records custodians of Reporting Districts #1401 and #1498, recognizing the need to be compliant with New York State's Public Health Laws, desire to comply therewith by consolidating Reporting District #1498 into Reporting District #1401; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of Reporting District #1498 (VA WNY Healthcare System) and Reporting District #1401 (Registrar of Vital Statistics, Buffalo, NY) and the corresponding transfer of vital statistic records and certificates currently located at the Buffalo VA Healthcare facility, to City Hall, Buffalo, NY, is in the best interests of all concerned in that the consolidation will facilitate the safe keeping of such records in one centrally located and easily accessible location, thereby avoiding the current need to determine which of the multiple custodian locations can provide a needed vital statistic record or certificate; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the approvals contained herein, and with prior approval by the City of Buffalo Common Council, the New York State Commissioner of Health may issue a consent order to consolidate Vital Statistic Reporting District #1498 into District #1401.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 4120 of the Public Health Law, the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve the request of the Registrar of the VA WNY Healthcare System, as custodian for Reporting Districts #1498, and the Registrar of Vital Statistics, Buffalo, New York, as custodian of vital statistic records Reporting District #1401, to consolidate the vital statistic records maintained by the Registrar of the VA WNY Healthcare System as custodian for Reporting Districts #1498 with the vital statistic records maintained by the Registrar of the City of Buffalo, NY, by the merger of Reporting District 1498 into Reporting District #1401; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the New York State Commissioner of Health, to the Interim Medical Center Director of the VA Healthcare

Facility as custodian of Vital Statistic Reporting District 1498, to the Corporation
Counsel of the City of Buffalo, NY, and to the Common Council of the City of Buffalo.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.