

SUSPENSION

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS MARINELLI...

Re: Calling on the U.S. Postal Service to continue 6 day/week service

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service recently announced it was considering a number of dramatic cost cutting measures in order to fill its projected budget gap for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, one of the proposed measures is reducing the current 6 day a week service to 5 days a week; and

WHEREAS, postal employees have been rallying to inform the public about the actual financial situation at the U.S. Postal Service and what's at stake for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Postmaster General has recently stated that he believes the postal service could reduce to 4 day or even 3 day, which would result in making part time employees out of current full time positions; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to reduce operations to 5 days a week would save 3% of operating costs but would result in a 17% loss of service for Buffalo businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, this reduction would eliminate 200 full time jobs in Buffalo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby calls on the United States Postal Service to continue 6 day/week service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the U.S. Postal Service to consider cost cutting and budget gap filling measures that do not impact service or displace employees of the postal system; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature forward certified copies of this resolution to the U.S. Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe, the Buffalo District Postmaster John Phelan, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Representative Brian Higgins and Representative Kathy Hochul.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for the resolution.