

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS**

Re: Re-establishment of a Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board

WHEREAS, the Erie County Cultural Resource Advisory Board (ECCRAB) was established by Erie County to evaluate and advise the County Executive and the Legislature on the proper funding levels for various cultural groups in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, under County Executive Chris Collins ECCRAB was abandoned and thereby any process of evaluating cultural groups for the awarding of funds was suspended; and

WHEREAS, the funding of only the 10 largest cultural organizations in 2010 was a source of controversy; and

WHEREAS, there have been many calls by members of the cultural community and its supporters to re-establish a process for the evaluation of organizations and the proper awarding of funds to groups that is both fair and equitable to every cultural organization in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature calls on the County Executive Elect to begin the process of studying the methods for evaluating cultural organization funding by the County of Erie and suggest to the Legislature the form and function of an organization, such as ECCRAB, to undertake this task for future awards by the County of funds to cultural organizations in Erie County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this certified resolution be sent to County Executive Elect Mark Poloncarz and Tod A. Kniazuk, the Executive Director of Arts Services Initiative and Randall Kramer, Co-Chair of the Greater Buffalo Cultural Alliance for distribution to the cultural community.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for the resolution