

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

Re: Supporting the Establishment of an Erie County Commission on the Prevention of HIV/AIDS in Erie County

WHEREAS, HIV in Erie County is increasingly becoming a problem for racial and ethnic minorities. It is estimated that 75% of HIV infected persons are not receiving services; and

WHEREAS, currently the Erie County Health Department provides HIV prevention through Peer Navigators and in the Teen Wellness program. HIV training is offered to health and human service providers throughout the region. Syringe exchange is provided by Project Reach and the implementation of the SEAD project has helped get used syringes off the street; and

WHEREAS, further efforts should focus on extensive outreach and case management to zip codes with known high rates of HIV infection, as well as efforts to reach the many individuals who are infected but are not in treatment; and

WHEREAS, more involvement by the community is necessary to make an impact in the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in the minority communities of Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature supports the establishment of the Erie County Commission on the Prevention of HIV/AIDS, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this certified resolution be sent to County Executive Elect Mark Poloncarz, Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Anthony Billittier , President and CEO of the Community Action Organization, L. Nathan Hare and Rev. Dr. James Lewis III, Chairperson of the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS of Buffalo.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for the resolution