

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED  
BY LEGISLATOR HARDWICK**

RE: Calling Upon the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to Fund a Comprehensive Soil Study in Tonawanda, NY to Determine the Severity of the Pollution Caused by Tonawanda Coke Corporation and Other Industrial Facilities

WHEREAS, in Birmingham, Alabama the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funded a comprehensive soil study and clean up in a neighborhood that is located in the shadow of a coke facility; and

WHEREAS, community members in Tonawanda conducted a small sample study and found pollutant levels similar to those found by the Environmental Protection Agency in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Tonawanda Community Fund has petitioned the EPA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct its own testing to confirm the unsafe levels of pollutants and take the appropriate remedial actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature calls upon the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to fund a soil study in Tonawanda to reveal the extent of the pollution caused by industrial facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

FISCAL IMPACT: None to Erie County taxpayers.