

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

**Re: Eliminating the Positions of Majority Leader and Minority Leader at the Erie County Legislature**

WHEREAS, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader at the Erie County Legislature are elected annually by their respective caucuses; and

WHEREAS, the leaders are responsible for making appointments to various commissions and boards throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the leaders have certain notification responsibilities at sessions of the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Majority Leader is the point person for presenting legislative items for votes at sessions; and

WHEREAS, further, the Minority Leader controls the supervision of the minority caucus staff; and

WHEREAS, the leadership positions are referred to in various local laws, in addition to the Erie County Charter; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the positions of Majority Leader and Minority Leader would save taxpayers \$10,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Majority and Minority Leader could be effectuated by the legislative caucuses as a whole or by existing staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature requests the County Attorney to draft a law which would mandate the appropriate revisions to Local Laws and the Erie County Charter and eliminate the need for the positions of Majority and Minority Leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to County Attorney Michael Siragusa and County Executive Mark Poloncarz.

Fiscal Impact: Savings of \$10,000 annually