COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 14, 2014

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Proposed Amendment to Como Lake Casino Building Name

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed is a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authority to amend the name of the casino building at Como Lake Park.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Troy P. Schinzel at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Troy P. Schinzel, Commissioner, Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Re: Proposed Amendment to Como Lake Casino Building Name
Date: **May 14, 2014**

SUMMARY

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry is seeking authorization to re-name the casino building at Como Lake Park to James "Jimmy D." Depczynski Casino. Mr. Depczynski was a long time employee of the department who started his career at Como Lake Park in 1975. Mr. Depczynski passed away in December 2013, while still employed by Erie County Parks. At his time of passing, he was General Crew Chief of both Akron Falls and Como Lake Parks.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The staff at Como Lake Park has requested the name change. Mr. Depczynski worked with them for many years, both as a peer and as a supervisor.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Mr. Depczynski was a 38 year veteran of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. He started his career at Como Lake Park, spent the majority of his employment there and ultimately ended his career there.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry will not be able to formally change the name of the Casino at Como Lake Park.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Casino at Como Lake Park will be re-named James "Jimmy D." Depczynski Casino.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

RE: Proposed Amendment to Como Lake Park
Casino Building Name

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry would like to rename the Casino at Como Lake Park to James "Jimmy D." Depczynski Casino; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Depczynski was a long time employee of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry who spent the majority of his career at Como Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, Como Lake Park employees have requested the name change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry is hereby authorized to formally change the name from Casino to James "Jimmy D." Depczynski Casino; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Erie County Executive and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.