

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR LORIGO & DIXON

Re: Lukey's Legacy – Placement of AEDs in public venues

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest is a condition that can occur in anyone at any age and requires immediate resuscitation as treatment; and

WHEREAS, the human brain can withstand only minutes of oxygen deprivation before permanent damage ensues and only a few additional minutes before death; and

WHEREAS, prompt CPR, followed by immediate resuscitation of the person's heart, can help prevent both brain damage and the eventual death of the heart attack victim; and

WHEREAS, defibrillators are often the best and only way to reintroduce activity to the victim's heart; and

WHEREAS, every minute counts when dealing with a victim of sudden cardiac arrest and having immediate access to defibrillators is a public necessity; and

WHEREAS, the presence of portable Automated External Defibrillators (AED) at parks, playgrounds, arenas, and other areas of public gatherings and locations greatly increases the chances of survival in the event of sudden cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, advancements in medical science have allowed AEDs to be produced that are highly effective and can be utilized safely with an absolute minimal amount of training; and

WHEREAS, any death by sudden cardiac arrest that could have been prevented with a relatively inexpensive and easy to use treatment is one too many and we should all work towards preventing them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby requests that the Department of Health, County Attorney, and County Executive's office attend the next session to discuss the purchase and placement of AEDs in county owned parks, highway barns, and any other places where they may be of use within the county; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature calls on the Department of Health to assist the County Executive in determining the optimal placement of these machines so as to be accessible to as many residents of Erie County as possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County sponsor training programs on the use of AEDs set up through the Department of Health for all residents who wish to attend; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Cuomo's Office, the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Assembly and Senate, County's Executive's office, the Highway Department, the Department of Parks, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: Dependent on the number of AEDs placed and training programs offered