

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS DIXON, HARDWICK, LORIGO, MILLS, MORTON, & RATH**

Re: Support for the Kids Korner Child Care Waiting Room and the WNY VA Hospital

WHEREAS, on a national scale, health care provided to our veterans has come under intense scrutiny this past year for various scandals and other issues that left a question as to the quality of care being offered by our VA Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, our region has experienced several cuts to Veterans services recently, which has already led to diminished capacity to care for the veterans residing within Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Kids Korner Child Care Waiting Room is a service offered to families of veterans who are receiving treatment from the Western New York Veterans Affairs Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Kids Korner is a day care program, offered by the VA, for children between the ages of three (3) weeks to twelve (12) years old whose parents are veterans seeking treatment at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2014 this service will no longer be offered at the VA Hospital as the Government will no longer be supporting this program, which has been offered for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, we seek a continuation of care for veterans and their families in Erie County as they are among the most deserving of this important program; therefore, this honorable body requests that the program continue fully funded in support of those who have made personal sacrifices for our freedom and our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body requests that the cessation of funding for the Kids Korner Child Care program at the WNY VA Hospital be reconsidered until a more permanent source can be located; and be it, further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Congressional Rep. Brian Higgins, Sen. Charles Schumer, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, Rep. Chris Collins, the Secretary of the VA and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None