

**Erie County Legislature – Majority Caucus
Amendment to the County Executive’s
Proposed 2015 Erie County Budget**

**Budget Resolution
Amendment to Comm. 20E-19
Amendment A
December 2, 2014**

Insert the following Budget Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature maintains oversight of the proper and efficient expenditure of public funds by all departments and divisions of the County and those autonomous agencies supported by taxpayer dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature shall hold mid-year budget hearings for the express purpose of monitoring the Administration's management of the 2015 budget; such hearings shall include a review of the performance and efficiency of county departments, and detailed budget updates/presentations by selected departments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that since the Erie Community College Budget year runs from September 1 to August 31, the Erie County Legislature shall hold a mid-year ECC budget hearing in February 2015, and such hearing shall include a review of the performance and efficiency of ECC's budget management and detailed, line-by-line budget updates/presentations by ECC officers and staff with direct knowledge of the status of budget items.

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Insert the following Budget Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature recognizes the importance of the tourism industry to Erie County and, as such, has dedicated substantial government resources to support this important sector of our community; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funds appropriated to the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau is budgeted in the amount of \$3,281,783 for 2015; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funds appropriated to the Buffalo Convention Center is budgeted in the amount of \$1,699,871 for 2015; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funds appropriated to the Buffalo Niagara Film Commission-WNED is budgeted in the amount of \$133,929 for 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is also providing significant resources to the Cooperative Extension Service of Erie County and the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is providing significant resources to various arts and cultural organizations throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the allocations of these significant amounts of funding to the above referenced entities requires that each entity shall be accountable to the citizens of Erie County to ensure that this investment is being well spent and that best practices are being employed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Buffalo Convention Center and Buffalo Niagara Film Commission-WNED shall each prepare a budget showing how the funds allocated in the 2015 Budget will be spent; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Buffalo Convention Center and Buffalo Niagara Film Commission-WNED shall each create a strategic plan with measurable goals and outcomes for 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Buffalo Convention Center and Buffalo Niagara Film Commission-WNED shall each provide a copy of their budget and its strategic plans to the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature by February 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Buffalo Convention Center and Buffalo Niagara Film Commission-WNED shall file with the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature quarterly reports and updates on the outcomes or results of each of the measurable goals identified in their respective strategic plans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau and Buffalo Niagara Film Commission-WNED shall provide to the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature, by January 29, 2015, a list of all personnel, including titles, job descriptions and salary for each employee of their respective organizations; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Cooperative Extension Service of Erie County and the Erie County Soil and Water District shall provide a copy of their budget showing how the funds allocated in the 2015 Erie County Budget will be spent to the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature by February 14, 2015; and be it further

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Insert the following Budget Resolution:

RESOLVED, that in conformance with the Budget Accountability Act, each arts or cultural organization receiving funding from Erie County in the 2015 Budget shall provide a copy of their budget detailing how the funds allocated to each agency will be spent to the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature by February 14, 2015; and be it further

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Insert the following Budget Resolution:

RESOLVED, that any group or organization receiving funding from the Erie County Legislature may be invited to the Erie County Legislature to discuss their budgets and the valuable community services which they provide to the citizens of Erie County.

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Insert the following Budget Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is required to authorize the establishment of a variable minimum for the year 2015 for Legislative District Office personnel in order to maintain a fair and consistent salary policy related to District Office employee turnover, in accordance with Erie County Personnel Policy; and

WHEREAS, this District Office salary authorization will have no additional personnel service costs, and will be implemented while remaining within the Legislature's adopted appropriation for 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes a variable minimum step 4 for the position of Administrative Clerk (legislature); Administrative Clerk Legislature (PT); and Administrative Clerk Legislature (RPT), Cost Center 1005017- District Office Staff, for the year 2014, in accordance with the 2015 Adopted Erie County Budget and Erie County Personnel Policy effective January 1, 2015.

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Insert the following Budget Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Personnel and the Director of Budget and Management are directed to file monthly reports with the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature identifying all vacant funded positions and such reports shall include the length of time each position has been vacant, the salary for each position, the source of funding for each vacant position and the County’s share of the funding for each position.

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Amend the last RESOLVED clause of the third Budget Resolution to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management, subject to Legislative approval, is hereby authorized to adjust grant appropriations and revenues in accordance with the final grantor funding levels or grantor authorized changed to award amounts, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels and county share amounts.

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Amend the RESOLVED clause of the fourth budget resolution to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized, subject to Legislative approval, to adjust interdepartmental billing accounts as may be required to effectively indicate the cost of an interdepartmental service relationship between departments, so long as such adjustment does not increase costs.

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Amend the fifth budget resolution to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized, subject to Legislative approval, to adjust interdepartmental billing account as may be required to effectively indicate the cost of an interdepartmental service relationship between departments, so long as such adjustment does not increase cost.