

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR MORTON

WHEREAS, appropriate local laws addressing feral and community cats lessen the number of free-roaming cats, reduce annoyance and damage caused by feral cats, address potential disease concerns, and increase the quality of life for both citizens and cats by stabilizing the colony while allowing community cats to live out their lives outdoors; and,

WHEREAS, modern best practices to manage community cats uses the Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) method, the only proven approach to stabilize and/or reduce existing feral and community cat populations and address potential disease concerns; and

WHEREAS, leading animal welfare organizations as well as the International City/County Management Association endorse TNVR of community cats; and

WHEREAS, several towns and villages in Erie County already have adopted laws allowing TNVR and have shown it to be a more cost effective treatment than euthanasia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby supports the practice of Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return in Erie County and encourages all municipalities within its boundaries to pass laws encouraging TNVR in accordance with appropriate guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Department of Health determine revisions as necessary to the existing Sanitary Code of Erie County to support and encourage the practice of TNVR and SUNY Buffalo Animal Law Pro Bono Project, and consult with the County Attorney in preparation of appropriate modifications to the Code to satisfy the purpose and spirit of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Erie County Commissioner of Health and all parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None