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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 30, 2014

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

**RE: Acceptance of Non-Monetary Donations From Various Vendors**

Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health's Division of Public Health Services and Surveillance – Bureau of Community Wellness coordinates many community wellness programs and projects in Erie County. Community Wellness has identified members of the business community willing to sponsor certain events which offer and promote healthful activities to county residents, including Erie County employees. Such donations enhance the success of the events at no cost to the taxpayers, to the public or to employees.

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the acceptance of donations of refreshments or low value health related promotional merchandize from the business community to be distributed to program participants as they are received. The value of donated items will depend, in part, on the expected attendance at each event.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Dr. Gale R. Burstein, at the Health Department. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

By

Richard Tobe  
Deputy County Executive

MCP/mc  
Enclosure

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Health  
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**Date:** January 30, 2014

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### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the acceptance of donations of refreshments or low value health related promotional merchandise from the business community, to be distributed to program participants as they are received.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Positive, the value of said donations will vary, because they are, in part, dependent upon expected attendance/participation at each event, but will have no financial consequence to Erie County or to program participants.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Donated items provide additional incentives to participants and contribute to the success of health and wellness events, helping to improve health outcomes in our community.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Erie County Department of Health collaborates with community organizations to offer health education and preventive screening at community events such as our own Erie County Annual Employee Wellness Day, public health fairs, neighborhood events, etc.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Erie County Department of Health Division of Public Health Services and Surveillance – Bureau of Community Wellness will be unable to accept the donated items. This would have a negative impact on current and future programs.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Health Department will take the appropriate steps necessary to accept/utilize and/or distribute the donated items appropriately.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**RE: Acceptance of Non-Monetary Donations from Various Vendors**

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) Division of Public Health Services and Surveillance – Bureau of Community Wellness coordinates many community wellness programs and activities in Erie County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Department of Health would like to enhance these events to improve health outcomes without increasing taxpayer commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Department of Health has identified various members of the business community willing to sponsor said programs and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Department of Health has requested appropriate donations from these business entities for events in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Department of Health intends to distribute donations at community events upon receipt; and

**WHEREAS**, the value of said donations will vary, because they are, in part, dependent upon expected attendance/participation at each event, but will have no financial consequence to Erie County or to program participants; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body has graciously authorized acceptance of similar sponsorships in the past.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Department of Health is hereby authorized to solicit sponsors for various community health events and to accept non-monetary donations of refreshments or low value health related promotional merchandize from the business community for appropriate distribution at community health events; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Department of Health will complete any required donation request forms; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.