

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS GRANT, MILLER-WILLIAMS, BURKE & LOUGHRAN**

RE: Installing Public Wireless Internet Access in the Legislative Chambers

WHEREAS, public Internet access (Wi-Fi) at the Erie County Legislature is currently not available, despite the Wi-Fi access sign located in the main lobby of Old County Hall, and the Legislature staff has received inquiries and complaints in the past about the lack of wireless internet access for the public; and

WHEREAS, members of the public see the sign indicating a Wi-Fi hot spot upon entering Old County Hall, but this notification is intended for the Unified Court System, which provides public wireless internet access that reaches most of Old County Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature agenda items and communications, minutes, committee reports and agendas, public hearing notices, committee and legislative session schedules are all available on-line; and

WHEREAS, all meetings are open to the public and public wireless internet access will enable guests, visitors, presenters, media and legislators to access this information on their own portable electronic devices; and

WHEREAS, the use of portable electronic devices can help to reduce the amount of paper used at the Erie County Legislature and may also help to reduce operating costs at the Erie County Legislature while also being a green initiative to help the environment; and

WHEREAS, that the cost associated with installing the public wireless access point is relatively minimal; and

WHEREAS, offering Internet access to the public at the Erie County Legislature will increase the transparency of government and make information more accessible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature directs that, Erie County DISS install a public wireless access point reachable in the Legislative Chambers and caucus room on the fourth floor of Old County Hall, or work with the Unified Court System to extend their public wireless internet access to reach the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this body declares the wireless internet access is intended for public use and that all official legislature and county business, conducted by employees of the legislature, shall be conducted on Erie County's hard wired intranet infrastructure and shall be conducted in accordance with the Erie County policies and procedures for computer and internet use (Chapter X Section 23 & 25); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature forward certified copies of this resolution to the Hon. Mark C. Poloncarz, County Executive; Hon. Paula L. Feroletto, Administrative Judge

of the Eighth Judicial District; and Michael C. Breeden, Chief Information Officer of the Department of Information and Support Services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Minimal