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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Cigarette Task Force contract extension
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract extension for the Cigarette Strike Force. The agreement will extend the current contract with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance signed in 2014 for one additional year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Cigarette Task Force
To extend a current agreement with NYS Department of Taxation and Finance
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization to allow the Office of the Sheriff and the County Executive to enter into a contract extension with the State of New York Department of Taxation and Finance to fund a Deputy Sheriff's Officer position for the Cigarette Strike Force and to accept funds for the Deputy Sheriff's Officer position. The term of the extension is one year.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

No impact on County tax dollars.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The State created the New York State Cigarette Task Force to provide a broad –based, multi-jurisdictional approach to the problem of illegal cigarette trafficking and the County needs authorization to participate in the strike force and accept funds for the Sheriff's Office activities. The NYSCTF is interested in extending the current agreement for one year.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit thousands of dollars in funding for a Deputy Sheriff's Officer position, prevent the County from participating in the strike force, allow for the illegal cigarette trafficking activity to continue and for local municipalities to lose revenue.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, the County Attorney and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Cigarette Task Force
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IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

WHEREAS, The Erie County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to eradicating illegal activity especially with activity associated with illegal cigarette trafficking, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has participated in this strike force in the past and the strike force has had positive results in curtailing illegal activity, and

WHEREAS, the New York Department of Taxation and Finance provides the funding for the Deputy Sheriff's Officer position, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office and the County Executive need authorization to extend the current agreement for one additional year allowing the County to continue its participation in the New York State Cigarette Strike Force, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the Office of the Sheriff and the County Executive to enter a contract extension of one year with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance's Cigarette Strike and to accept funds for the Deputy Sheriff's Officer position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Attorney and the Office of the Sheriff.