

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR LOUGHRAN**

**RE: A Review of the Facts Surrounding the Issue of Changing the Closing Time
of Erie County Drinking Establishments from 4 A.M. to 2 A.M.**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk has presented the idea of a 2 A.M. closing of Erie County drinking establishments and has presented a public opinion poll in support of his idea; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk contends that a 2 A.M. closing hour would reduce drunken driving fatalities, improve the quality of life in neighborhoods near noisy bars, and decrease the costs of late night law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York Alcoholic Beverage Control Law section 17(9), the State Liquor Authority has the power, upon receipt of a resolution adopted by a county legislative body requesting further restriction of hours of sale of alcoholic beverages within such county, and upon notice and hearing within such county, to approve or disapprove such hours within such county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature call a public hearing to ascertain the facts surrounding the issue of changing the closing hour of drinking establishments to 2 A.M. from 4 A.M.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Clerk, the Erie County Sheriff, Barry Zepelowitz and Associates, the Western New York chapter of the New York State Restaurant Association as well as other interested parties be invited to contribute to the public discourse on this matter.

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution.