

**A Resolution Submitted by
Legislators Miller-Williams, Burke & Savage**

Re: Supporting New York State Legislation to Enact the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act

WHEREAS, the Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA) recently published research that associated an higher incidence of patient deaths with a higher health care worker to patient ratios, research also found the odds of patient death increased by 7% for each additional patient the health care worker must care for at one time; and

WHEREAS, professional staffing organizations, health care facilities and community groups have worked with City and State Elected Officials to address their growing concerns, the New York State Legislature has introduced legislation that will require all acute care facilities and nursing homes to meet standards for appropriate staffing ratios; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act, Assembly Bill 01548 and Senate Bill 00782 have been introduced in the 2015-2016 Legislative Session to amend Public Health Law, this Act was not passed and supporters are looking to have this legislation reintroduced in the 2016-2015 Legislative Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature declares its support for legislation currently before the New York State Legislature that aims to address inadequate staffing ratios that create the potential for harm to patients and health care workers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body goes on record in support of New York State Assembly Bill A.01548, and New York State Senate Bill S.00782 that enacts the "Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act" to require acute care facilities and nursing homes to implement certain direct-care nurse to patient ratios and set minimum staffing requirements during all shifts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo; the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate, the Honorable John J. Flanagan; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Honorable Carl E. Heastie; the WNY Delegation to the New York State Legislature and to the Communication Workers of America District 1.

Amendment to INTRO 20-3 (2015)
December 10, 2015
Health & Human Services Committee

Amend the Item with the Following:

In the First Whereas Clause, strike the word “recently.”

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AMENDMENT INTRO 20-3 (2015)

December 17, 2015

DELETE: the THIRD RESOLVE CLAUSE in its ENTIRETY and INSERT the FOLLOWING:

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo; the Majority Leader of the New York State Assembly, the Honorable John J. Flanagan; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Honorable Carl E. Heastie, the WNY Delegation to New York State Legislation, the Communication Workers of America District 1 and the New York State Nurses Association.