

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

BUFFALO, N.Y., NOVEMBER 19, 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at the 21st Session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers, in the City of Buffalo, on the nineteenth day of November, 2015 A.D., a Resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR LORIGO

WHEREAS, the Syrian nation is facing a crises through a protracted civil war and influences of terrorist organizations leading to an exodus of refugees and a displacement of millions of people; and

WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of these refugees are in desperate need of assistance and a place to stay in relative safety; and

WHEREAS, it has been the outspoken policy of our County Executive to offer assistance to upwards of two to three hundred Syrian refugees and welcome them into our county; and

WHEREAS, with the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, a need has been created to put caution to the County Executive's stance and look to review our policies, procedures, and negotiations with the federal government prior to opening our region to large numbers of refugees; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature strives to responsibly gather facts and information on matters that are sensitive to the public; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive should participate in a public discussion on this highly sensitive topic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body seeks to hold an informational session regarding Erie County's role in accepting Syrian refugees, particularly regarding the costs, public safety concerns, and procedure for doing so; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby requests the presence of the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Erie County Sheriff at the informational hearing to discuss the practical, fiscal, and safety concerns related to the Syrian Refugee crisis; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby requests the representatives from the local offices of the FBI and the US Department of Homeland Security be present at the informational session; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Erie County Sheriff, the regional office of the US Department of Homeland Security, the regional office of the FBI, and any party deemed necessary and proper.

REFERENCE: INTRO. 21-3 (2015) AS AMENDED

ATTEST



KAREN M. McCARTHY

Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County