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Erie County Legislature
 Attn: Ms. Karen M. McCarthy, Clerk
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Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Attached for Clock-In to the public record of the Erie County Legislature, please find a Resolution from Barbara Miller-Williams expressing Support for ECC to Consolidate Nursing Program at a Downtown Location.

Thank You for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Miller-Williams
 Erie County Legislator
 District 1

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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED

BY LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS

RE: SUPPORT FOR ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSOLIDATING ITS NURSING PROGRAM AT A DOWNTOWN LOCATION

WHEREAS, the Erie Community College hired JMZ Architects and Planners, P.C. to conduct a feasibility study regarding the possibility of consolidating the nursing program at a downtown location; and

WHEREAS, the completed study recommended three potential sites for a downtown consolidation of the college's nursing program; and

WHEREAS, after further study and analysis the consultants concluded and advised that the nursing program could be consolidated into Erie Community College's 45 Ellicott Street building provided some current occupants were relocated and the building renovated accordingly; and

WHEREAS, this consolidation of the nursing program would provide the opportunity to increase the number of seats available in the nursing program from 210 to 270 thereby reducing the number of Erie County residents enrolling in other community colleges offering this program because of lack of space at ECC; and

WHEREAS, the increase in capacity for the nursing program will have a positive fiscal impact for taxpayers of Erie County because of the reduction in the amount of charge-back fees assessed when Erie County residents attend a community college outside of Erie county to attend a program offered in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of the nursing program downtown will enhance the learning experiences and opportunities available to ECC's students due to its proximity to the developing and emerging medical corridor in downtown Buffalo.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature supports the consolidation of Erie Community College's nursing program at its downtown campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature urges the Erie Community College's Board of Trustees to approve this proposal and authorize the Administration of ECC to proceed with the necessary steps which will lead to the consolidation of the college's nursing program at 45 Ellicott Street.

FISCAL IMPACT: Positive