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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 28, 2015

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Nine Hole Rate at Elma Meadows and "Thank a Vet" Discount

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry requesting authorization to offer a nine hole weekday greens fee at Elma Meadows. In addition, to show gratitude towards military veterans, we would like to propose a discounted greens fee rate at both Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland Golf Courses for those veterans who present a "Thank a Vet" card issued by the Office of the County Clerk.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Troy P. Schinzel, Commissioner, at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Troy P. Schinzel, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Re: Nine Hole Rate at Elma Meadows and "Thank a Vet" Discount
Date: January 28, 2015

SUMMARY

The Erie County Parks Department wishes to offer a weekday (excluding holidays) nine hole greens fee rate of \$14.00 at Elma Meadows Golf Course. The department would also like to offer a "Thank a Vet" discount of \$15.00 for weekday (excluding holidays) eighteen holes of play at either one of the two County Golf Courses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

A nine hole rate would provide a better experience for those golfers wishing to play only nine holes at a reduced rate. The "Thank a Vet" discount would encourage more veterans to golf at County golf courses. Under both scenarios, it is expected that golf usage may increase.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department is seeking an increase in golfers using the facilities (including league play) while providing a more valued golf outing to individuals. Also, this would show gratitude to our veterans for their service.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

All other golf courses in proximity to the Elma Meadows Golf Course offer a nine hole green fee rate to compliment a nine hole cart fee, which we already have in place. This would put Elma Meadows Golf Course consistent with neighboring facilities.

The County Clerk's Office offers the "Thank a Vet" discount cards to Erie County residents that can provide the necessary credentials. The premise is to honor veterans for their service, by offering a discounted rate at both County Golf Courses.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

No discounts would be offered.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department will implement the new pricing policy.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY**

RE: Nine Hole Rate at Elma Meadows Golf Course and “Thank a Vet Discount” at County Golf Courses

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry is proposing to offer a nine hole greens fee rate of \$14.00 for Elma Meadows Golf Course on weekdays (excluding holidays); and

WHEREAS, the department also wishes to offer a \$15.00 greens fee rate to “Thank a Vet” participants for play at either Grover Cleveland or Elma Meadows Golf Courses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry is authorized to offer a nine hole greens fee rate at Elma Meadows Golf Course on weekdays (excluding holidays) totaling \$14.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, the department is authorized to offer a discounted greens fee to “Thank a Vet” participants at Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland Golf Courses on weekdays (excluding holidays) totaling \$15.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, the Erie County Division of Budget and Management and the Erie County Department of Law.