A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR PATRICK BURKE

Calling on State Department to protect American citizens trapped in Yemen

WHEREAS, hundreds of American citizens including infants, families, and elderly people are trapped in the war torn country of Yemen after a sudden and unannounced bombing campaign initiated by the country of Saudi Arabia; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has an obligation to protect American citizens who are trapped in foreign nations; and

WHEREAS, several other nations including Russia, India and even Somalia have sent convoys to rescue their citizens; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of State has refused to evacuate or give shelter to American citizens in the country of Yemen, effectively abandoning them.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature encourages our federal representatives to put pressure on State Department officials to rescue American citizens trapped in Yemen; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature stands with any citizens of Erie County who are trapped abroad and are not receiving assistance from their American consulate or embassy; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Congressman Brian Higgins, Congressman Chris Collins, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and Senator Chuck Schumer.

FISCAL IMPACT FOR RESOLUTION: NONE