

**RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
CHAIRMAN MILLS**

Re: Erie County Charter Revision Commission Recommendation No. 13

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature created the Erie County Charter Revision Commission for the express purpose of reviewing the Erie County Charter and to make recommendations on whether or not the Erie County Charter and/or Administrative Code should be amended to facilitate the more effective delivery of services to the public and to better coordinate the functions between departments and agencies of the County and the various local governments within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Commission was convened and fully considered and debated the strengths and weaknesses of the present Charter and made numerous recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Commission submitted its final recommendations to the Erie County Legislature on May 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Charter Revision Commission, several organizations, individuals and elected officials submitted comments and recommended Charter changes to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is required to act on each recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Mills has reviewed each recommendation of the Commission and has submitted each recommendation to this Honorable Body for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, Section 311 describes the powers and duties of the Veterans' Service Agency; and

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 13 amends Section 311 clarify that the Director of Veterans' services is responsible to the County Executive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature accepts the Charter Revision Commission's Recommendation No. 13 as described in Comm. 10M-1(2016); and, be it further

RESOVLED, that the Erie County Legislature acknowledges the clerical error in this recommendation referencing Section 113 instead of 311 and authorizes the Legislature's staff to make the appropriate modification; and, further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature's staff shall draft a local law or laws to reflect the Legislature's acceptance of the recommendation and to amend the Charter by referendum; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Attorney and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

**Recommendation to Amend the Erie County Charter
Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016**

**Recommendation Intro. No. 113
Recommendation No. 13**

Introduced on the Report of the Special Committee on Consolidation and Conformity.

Sponsored by Commission Member _____

The Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016 does hereby recommend that Section 113 be amended to read as follows:

311. Veterans' service agency. There shall be in the office of the county executive a county veterans' service agency, headed by a director of veterans' services who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the county executive. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the director of the county veterans' service agency shall have all the powers and duties of a county director and a county service officer, as those terms are used in article 17 of the NYS executive law and section 800 of the NYS county law, in relation to veterans' affairs generally and, in conjunction with the division of military and naval affairs and other responsible state agencies, in providing information, support and assistance to members of the armed forces, including members of the reserve components thereof and members of the organized militia ordered into active duty, and veterans, who are residents of this state, and their families, with respect to (1) matters pertaining to educational training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health, medical and rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights and privileges to members of the armed forces and war veterans and their families, (4) employment and re-employment services, and (5) obtaining any benefits and awards to which they may be entitled under any federal, state or local legislation. ~~‡~~The director shall perform such additional and related duties as may be proscribed by law, or by the county executive ~~or by resolution of the county legislature.~~