RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
CHAIRMAN MILLS

Re: Erie County Charter Revision Commission Recommendation No. 15

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, the Board of Health performs several function not outlined in the Charter, including making recommendations and suggestions to the County Executive relative to the qualifications and appointments of the Commissioner of Health and the duties of the deputy commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 15 amends Section 503 to more accurately reflect the current activities of the Board of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature accepts the Charter Revision Commission's Recommendation No. 15 as described in Comm. 10M-1(2016); and, be it 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. 117
Recommendation No. 15

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 503 be amended to read as follows:

Section 503. Board of health. There shall be in the department a board of health, the members of which shall be appointed by the county executive. The composition of such board in regard to the number of members and professional, governmental or other representation, and the terms of such members, shall be as provided in the public health law for a county board of health. The board of health shall at the request of the commissioner, and may on its own initiative, advise on matters relating to the preservation and improvement of the public health and on matters relating to services and facilities of the county laboratory. **The board may on its own initiative make recommendations and suggestions to the County Executive relative to the qualifications and appointments of the Commissioner of Health and relative to the qualifications and duties of the deputy commissioners, officers or employees of the department of health.**
Amended by Local Law No. 8 1989.