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RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY

CHAIRMAN MILLS

Re: Erie County Charter Revision Commission Recommendation No. 51

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, Recommendation No. 51 increases the term of office held by County Legislators from two to four years commencing for terms beginning 2018; and

WHEREAS, the term of four years would be tied to the independent redistricting process effectively preventing the Legislature from repealing the Independent Commission on Reapportionment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature accepts the Charter Revision Commission's Recommendation No. 51 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. 104A

Recommendation No. 51

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 202.2 be amended to read as follows:

Section 202.2. Election and terms of office. County legislators shall first be elected at the general election in the year nineteen hundred sixty-seven and shall assume office on January first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight. All elected county legislators shall hold their respective offices for a term of two years; **provided that county legislators elected or reelected in the year 2017 shall hold their respective offices for a term of four years; and provided further that county legislators elected to represent legislative districts properly established by the Independent Commission on Reapportionment pursuant to Section 210 of this Article after the year 2017 shall serve a term of four years**.