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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
CHAIRMAN MILLS

Re: Erie County Legislature Charter Revision Recommendation B

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, the Erie County Legislature reviewed and introduced the Charter Revision Commission changes, the Honorable Body recommends further revisions; and

WHEREAS, in Recommendation No. 5 the Charter Revision Commission suggested changing the title of the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services to the Commissioner of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 5 does not change the name of the Department of Emergency Services nor does it create a Department of Homeland Security.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby recommends the Department Emergency Services, in Article 14, be changed to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature's staff shall draft a local law or laws to reflect the Legislature's acceptance of this 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.