

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR DIXON, MILLS, LORIGO, RATH, MORTON, HARDWICK,
LOUGHRAN, MILLER-WILLIAMS, GRANT, BURKE, & SAVAGE**

Re: Request for Additional Funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant

WHEREAS, New York is beginning to implement the provisions of the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act; and

WHEREAS, the CCDBG Act is intended to increase the safety and quality of childcare programs across the State but due to a lack of federal and state funding many other programs are being asked to cut back so that local governments can afford to cover the requirements laid out in the Act; and

WHEREAS, each dollar spent on childcare subsidies creates twice that amount in economic activity and the Act also furthers the goals of protecting child health and safety and increasing the quality of child care programs; and

WHEREAS, the Act and its requirements have not been fully funded by either the State or the Federal governments; and

WHEREAS, one area of concern to local childcare service providers is the statewide mandate that they pay for the fingerprinting of applicants and employees, which is estimated to cost \$28 million statewide, increasing the cost of providing services for childcare; and

WHEREAS, many of these programs caring for our State's youth are operating on razor thin margins as it is an increasing the financial burden of State regulations is forcing many to close, forty two (42) have closed in Erie County during the first three quarters of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo has already made a number of important investments to protect children in the form of paid family leave and the funding of statewide Pre-K programs but has left a gaping hole in child care programs that offer services to help out between those initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, this honorable body is hereby urging Governor Cuomo to fully fund all the provisions of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and to continue his investment in our county's youth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution are sent to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's office and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None