

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR MORTON**

Re: Opposition to the Implementation of Sanctuary Policies in Erie County

WHEREAS, sanctuary jurisdictions are cities, counties, or states that have laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, policies, or other practices that obstruct the operations of federal immigration enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, immigration enforcement policies are carried out by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, or ICE, typically through the use of detainers issued to other local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, most often sanctuary jurisdictions will hinder ICE operations by either refusing to or prohibiting their local agencies from complying with ICE detainers, imposing unreasonable conditions on detainer acceptance, denying ICE access to interview incarcerated aliens, or otherwise impeding communication or information exchanges between their personnel and federal immigration officers; and

WHEREAS, sanctuary policies obstruct enforcement of federal laws and threaten public safety and should not be enacted without reform on the federal level; and

WHEREAS, according to publications from the Center for Immigration Studies, sanctuary policies have led to the release of over 8,000 illegal offenders sought for deportation in 276 jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Erie County and all the jurisdictions therein follow federal law and protect the safety and wellbeing of all its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body reiterates Erie County's non-sanctuary status and encourages other jurisdictions within the County of Erie to continue enforcing federal laws appropriately; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body opposes the practice of unilateral action in the implementation of sanctuary policies in opposition to established federal law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body encourages all local governments to properly apply existing federal laws; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to all elected officials in Erie County including city councilmen and the mayors of the three cities located within Erie County.

Fiscal Impact: None