

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

Opposition to NYS Legislation Banning Minors from Playing Bingo at Bingo Halls

WHEREAS, a New York State law amending General Municipal Law § 486 went into effect July 9th, 2017 banning anyone under the age of 18 from playing bingo at bingo halls; and

WHEREAS, previously there was no lower age limit for minors to join in at bingo halls, as long as they were accompanied by an adult; and

WHEREAS, according to some reports, even though children can't play, if they come into a bingo hall they still have to buy an admission board; and

WHEREAS, this additional cost for parents or grandparents, who want to spend time with their children or grandchildren, could be a deterrent that affects the overall attendance of bingo nights at community halls, churches and other similar organizations trying to raise money for good causes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body is in opposition to NYS legislation banning minors from playing bingo at bingo halls; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Cuomo, the Western New York delegation of the NYS Legislature, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact of this resolution: None