

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR RATH, LORIGO, MILLS AND HARDWICK**

Re: Calling on Governor Cuomo to Extend the Deadline for Pistol Permit Recertification

WHEREAS, the SAFE Act has imposed a deadline of January 31, 2018, for recertification of pistol permits issued prior to January 15, 2013. As of January 2, 2018, only 21,549 of over 50,000 affected permits had been renewed here in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, inadvertent failure to finalized a recertification of a permit prior to the last day of January could lead to the imposition of criminal charges for possession of an unlicensed firearm for thousands of residents in Erie County alone. In New York State criminal possession of a firearm can lead to a felony conviction; and

WHEREAS, Erie County's newly elected Clerk and officials across New York State have publically requested additional time to process all the last minute applications and ensure residents who want to comply with the law have the opportunity to do so; and

WHEREAS, the process for recertification is still in its infancy with many life-long permit holders confused by the change in requirements and concerned about the accuracy of their applications; and

WHEREAS, this body holds that the intent behind the SAFE Act was not to make criminals out of law abiding citizens and that an extension of the filing deadline, at least for the first round of permit recertification, is in keeping with the purpose of the SAFE Act and that request should be honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body goes on record in support of an extension of the pistol permit deadline; and, be it further

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

Fiscal Impact: None for Resolution