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**A RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC REFERENDUM ON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Water Authority has failed in its responsibility to provide quality water services to more than 500,000 accounts in Erie County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Water Authority has created an image of an archaic and blundering enterprise; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Water Authority has delivered the ultimate insult to rate payers by manipulating "golden parachutes" to reward political party insiders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Water Authority has firmly established an identity as a "political patronage pit" controlled by party bosses; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature will pursue all necessary actions to terminate all water services via the Erie County Water Authority and to establish the responsibility for the provision of said services to the Erie County Government, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that we call upon the Western New York State Legislative delegation to act expeditiously on behalf of the intent of this resolution, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this critical issue shall be timely attended in order to assure that the matter will appear on the ballot for public approval this calendar year, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Erie County Legislature hereby agrees to hold a public referendum on November 6, 2018 on the dissolution of the Erie County Water Authority and the establishment of necessary water services via the Erie County Government, and

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York delegation, the New York State Legislature, Governor Andrew Cuomo and Erie County Executive Mark Polancarz.

**FISCAL IMPACT: FAVORABLE**

  
**Thomas A. Loughran**  
**Erie County Legislator, District 5**