

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS LORIGO, LOUGHRAN, MILLS, DIXON AND RATH**

**Re: Moratorium on Voting for Commissioner of Erie County Water Authority and Reopening of the Application Period**

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Legislature has received two applications for the position of Water Authority Commissioner, the current Commissioner, Jerome Schad, and Peter Reese; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Schad has been censured by the New York State Authority Budget Office (ABO) for actions he took as a Water Authority Commissioner. The Director of the ABO went so far as to recommend this honorable body remove Commissioner Schad from his position; and

**WHEREAS**, this honorable body has previously called on Commissioner Schad to resign with a resolution passed in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, when Commissioner Schad refused to vacate his post, this honorable body called on Chairman Savage to remove Commissioner Schad in another resolution passed in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the members of the Erie County Water Authority's own ethics board has called for a stay on the vote for Commissioner of the Water Authority pending better publication of the opening and a longer opportunity to collect resumes; and

**WHEREAS**, this honorable body finds it to be bad practice to force through a vote on the next Commissioner of the Water Authority with only two potential applicants, including one who was censured by the state agency tasked with oversight of the Water Authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body hereby imposes a forty-five (45) day moratorium for voting on the next Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body hereby calls on the Chair of the Erie County Legislature to re-open the application process for the position of Erie County Water Authority Commissioner for the duration of the moratorium; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the commissioners of the Erie County Water Authority and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None