

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

Re: Show of support for the creation of a second Amazon Headquarters in Erie County

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention that Amazon.com is looking for a community to construct a second headquarters that would cost an estimated \$5 billion and add 50,000 new jobs to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo and the County of Erie are not the rustbelt communities they once were. Erie County is now home to tech companies like Yahoo!, IBM, Tesla/Solar City, and Amazon itself. Construction of a new headquarters here in Erie County would also work to expand their East Coast presence; and

WHEREAS, Amazon is currently working to open a distribution center in Lancaster, in the County of Erie, and their wholly owned subsidiary, Whole Foods, is opening a new location in Amherst; and

WHEREAS, our county has an educated workforce and one of the largest universities in New York State with the University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is also home to the Buffalo-Niagara International airport; and

WHEREAS, Erie County and the City of Buffalo are home to over one million residents, our region has been growing economically for the past several years with both public and private investments, and we are located less than a two hour drive from Toronto and a one hour flight from New York City; and

WHEREAS, an Amazon headquarters located in Erie County would be an incredible boost to the entire region and would continue the positive growth we have seen here; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable body finds that Erie County's regional development groups have been working to attract new business to our area and have so far been successful. We hope that progress continues and our development groups think big and look towards attracting Amazon as their next move.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby encourages Amazon to locate their HQ2 here in Erie County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County's development agencies fill out the attached request for proposals and submit it in a timely fashion to the Amazon search committee and offer our region as a potential area for future development and construction; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution are sent to Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, the Western New York Regional Development Council, the Erie County Industrial Development Agency and any other party deemed necessary and proper.