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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Re: Encouraging Federal Legislation Regarding Carbon Monoxide Safety

WHEREAS, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that on average, about 170 people in the United States die every year from CO produced by non-automotive consumer products; and

WHEREAS, these products include malfunctioning fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, ranges, water heaters and room heaters; engine-powered equipment such as portable generators; fireplaces; and charcoal that is burned in homes and other enclosed areas; and

WHEREAS, several thousand people go to hospital emergency rooms every year to be treated for CO poisoning; and

WHEREAS, to address these unintentional poisonings in New York, "Amanda's Law" took effect on February 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, "Amanda's Law" is named after Amanda Hansen, a sixteen-year-old who lost her life to carbon monoxide poisoning from a defective boiler; and

WHEREAS, the law requires all owners of residences with appliances, devices or systems emitting carbon monoxide to purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors when such appliances, devices or systems are replaced; and

WHEREAS, at the federal level, the opportunity exists to install such devices on appliances at the factory before distribution to consumers; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation to address carbon monoxide poisoning is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby supports federal legislation to address carbon monoxide poisoning; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the local delegation of the United States House of Representatives and our two United States Senators.

Fiscal Impact: None.