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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 2, 2012

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Response to Intro 9-9 (2012)


Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Intro 9-9 (2012), approved as amended on May 10, 2012, we write your honorable body today to inform you of a pending change to Erie County's Park Rules. After careful research, and discussion with the relevant parties, including the Erie Niagara Tobacco Free Coalition and Roswell Park Cancer Institute, we have concluded that Erie County should implement a "Smoke-Free Parks" policy.

Starting today, July 2, 2012, Erie County parks, forestry and beaches will become smoke-free. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry will promulgate this regulation with new signage, and steps will be taken to inform the public via local media outlets.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to reach out to your offices at extension 716-858-6976 for Health and 716-858-8353 for Parks.

Sincerely,


Gale Burstein MD, MPH
Erie County Health Commissioner


Troy Schinzel
Erie County Parks Commissioner

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cc: Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive