

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS RATH, TODARO & MILLS**

Re: Request for New York Forward Re-Opening Advisory Board Reporting

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020 Governor Andrew Cuomo issued a State of Emergency declaration in response to Covid-19 in New York State, and on March 20, 2020 issued an executive order "NYS on PAUSE" that closed 100 percent of non-essential businesses statewide; and

WHEREAS, New York's economy has been virtually shut down for over one month, with millions of individuals unemployed and tax revenue drastically decreasing; and

WHEREAS, a gradual and regional-based re-opening plan is needed to safely and effectively re-open New York's economy; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020 Governor Cuomo established a statewide committee of business leaders, labor unions, education and industry groups to help guide the reopening process for New York's economy; and

WHEREAS, there are over 100 individuals serving on the New York Forward Re-Opening Advisory Board, and eight representatives from Western New York including Kim Pegula, Pegula Sports and Entertainment; Jeremy Jacobs Jr, Delaware North; Dr. Katherine S Conway-Turner, President of SUNY Buffalo State; Rene F. Jones, M&T Bank; Brenda W. McDuffie, Buffalo Urban League and Erie County Industrial Development Agency; Leecia R. Eve, Verizon; Nicole Wegman, Wegmans Food Markets; Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board should keep municipalities informed and a part of their deliberations in order to gain valuable local input, and increase transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, this Honorable Body requests that all reports and media releases from the New York Forward Re-Opening Advisory Board be forwarded to the Erie County Legislature to be entered into the public record; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Co-Chairs of the New York Forward Re-Opening Advisory Board Steven Cohen and William Mulrow, WNY delegation of the State Senate and Assembly, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for Resolution