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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Re: Calling on the Administration to Provide Statistics on Active COVID-19 Infection in Erie County

WHEREAS, as of May 6th, COVID-19 related infection statistics, as published on Erie County's COVID-19 heat map, showed 3,939 confirmed cases, 323 deaths, with 20,734 residents being tested; and

WHEREAS, this information is a cumulative tally of infected persons since the middle of March; and

WHEREAS, what this cumulative record does not show is the number of residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 but are no longer active cases nor does it show the number of active cases of residents who need ventilator assistance, though the latter is reported during daily press conferences with the Executive; and

WHEREAS, the CDC provides guidelines for infection control that assume a 7-10 day period of isolation from the date a first positive test for residents not under hospital care; and

WHEREAS, inferring numbers of active cases should be avoided when making policy decisions, especially if better information is available as to spread and severity; and

WHEREAS, it is a finding of this body that clarity is vital to helping residents cope with the lock-down requirements and that the total number of active cases is needed to provide that clarity and to allow the Legislature to create appropriate policy; and

WHEREAS, New York State has set criteria for re-opening regional economies. Failure to accurately depict our active numbers of cases might inhibit our opportunity for a timely re-open as well and should be avoided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby requests that the County Executive and his administration provide residents with a tally of active infection in the community and the number of residents currently requiring the use of a ventilator on the county's COVID through Erie County's interactive heat map; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, the Commissioner of the Department of Health, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution