

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

Re: Urging State Legislature and Governor Cuomo to permanently allow retail vendors to sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption

WHEREAS, by Executive Order of the Governor of New York, signed March 16, 2020, bars and restaurants have been able to provide alcoholic beverages with take-out orders as long as the beverage is in a sealed container; and

WHEREAS, as per the attached State Liquor Authority guidance the order allows any establishment with an on-premises consumption license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption; and

WHEREAS, the persistence of the Corona virus has currently caused the mandated closure of all bars and restaurants for anything other than take out and will likely severely limit the seating capacity of these same establishments for the foreseeable future once in-person dining has resumed; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that restaurant's, licensed to sell alcohol on site, derive 30% of their revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, takeout orders have been the only source of revenue for bars and restaurants for much of the past three months. Without the ability to sell alcohol, many of these establishments would not have been able to survive; and

WHEREAS, considering the likelihood that many restaurants will see state-ordered diminished seating capacity, and a general reluctance of patrons to return, until the corona virus is contained, establishments with an on-premises consumption license should be allowed to continue to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this body supports the executive decision to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off-premises by establishments typically licensed only for consumption of alcohol on-premises; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body further supports permanent policy changes to allow for the responsible sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption by any bar or restaurant licensed to do so; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to the New York State Liquor Authority, Governor Andrew Cuomo, the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Senate or Assembly, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None