SUSPENSION

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS BASKIN & JOHNSON

Re: Evaluating Erie County Government with a Racial Equity Lens

WHEREAS, national and local unrest over the past week has reinforced the continued issues of systemic racism within our society;

WHEREAS, the strife and frustration stems from experiencing situations that are unfair, from observing injustice, and feeling hopeless from the gravity of the consequences of inequity;

WHEREAS, the strife and frustration cannot be left to fester and it deserves to be recognized and appropriately responded to;

WHEREAS, we know our responsibility as elected officials to address these concerns, no matter how complex and layered the issues are;

WHEREAS, not every issue of injustice or exclusion is glaring and undebatable, as there are still many structural barriers to achieving equity and inclusion for all people of Erie County;

WHEREAS, these barriers also exist in seemingly fair policies, practices, and procedures that produce inequitable results;

WHEREAS, inequitable results are cause of strife and frustration and we should put every effort into eliminating all barriers to equity and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature requests the assistance of the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable in identifying policies, practices and procedures of Erie County government that are barriers to achieving racial equity and providing counsel and advice to the County government; and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to the County Executive, County Clerk, County Sheriff, County Comptroller, District Attorney, and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable.

Fiscal Impact: None.