

WHEREAS, in an attempt to aide local bars and restaurants who have struggled through 2020 and are required to renew their licenses in 2021, State Senator Tim Kennedy, backed by the New York State Restaurant Association, has called for the state to temporarily cut liquor license renewal fees in 2021; and

WHEREAS, local businesses need the state to take action before more are forced out of business. Erie County's restaurants and bars are in desperate need of assistance for both 2020 operations and their continued ability to operate in 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby calls on the State Liquor Authority to waive license renewal fees on any liquor license that expired in 2020 and has not yet been renewed; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby further calls for the State Liquor Authority to provide a one-time credit to any establishment that has already paid their 2020 renewal fees for use on the next license renewal; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby joins Senator Tim Kennedy in calling for the New York State Liquor Authority to waive or reduce license renewal fees for licenses expiring in 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the New York State Liquor Authority, Governor Andrew Cuomo, the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Senate and assembly, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution.