

SUSPENSION

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS VINAL AND MILLS

Re: Supporting Homeless Veterans

WHEREAS, despite their honorable service to our country, there are many homeless veterans in the Buffalo area; and

WHEREAS, many of these veterans receive healthcare and other assistance from the US Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Center in Buffalo, including clothing; and

WHEREAS, for whatever reason, the VA Medical Center does not have shoes/footwear to provide to homeless veterans who they are assisting; and

WHEREAS, grassroots efforts are underway involving local churches and places of worship to solicit donations of shoes/footwear for the homeless veterans receiving services and assistance at the VA Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, in the adopted 2021 Erie County Budget, the Legislature established an account called the Community Organization Relief Fund in the Community/Neighborhood Development Fund Center and appropriated \$300,000 into that account for the benefit of community organizations; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body seeks to allocate \$2,500 in funding from the Community Organization Relief Fund for the VA Medical Center to assist them in providing shoes/footwear for homeless veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature recognizes and wishes to assist the men and women who honorably served in the United States Armed Forces and who are now homeless and receiving assistance at the US Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature appropriates \$2,500 from the Community Organization Relief Fund in the Community/Neighborhood Development Fund Center (Fund Center 1332010, Account 516320) to the US Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center for the provision of shoes and footwear for homeless veterans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of Budget and Management, the Commissioner of Environment and Planning, the Comptroller and to Keenan Broderick, social worker at the VA Medical Center.

Fiscal Impact: \$2,500 of available 2021 budgeted funds.