A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS LORIGO, GREENE, TODARO, MILLS

Re: Support for Increased Vaccine Supply for Erie County

WHEREAS, Erie County's Department of Health has stated its capacity for delivering vaccinations is 2,200 injections per day; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is currently receiving 1,700 COVID-19 Vaccine doses per week. At this rate, Erie County will not see all of its residents vaccinated until 2031; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is currently expecting to spend the next batch of doses to catch up to the appointments that were cancelled due to lack of supply meaning a longer wait for those who have not already applied; and

WHEREAS, failure on the part of the federal government and New York State has led to confusion and anger from residents who were scheduled to receive their first round of vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, communication regarding the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, or lack thereof, is a significant factor in the anger and disappointment faced by residents locally who have seen appointments made and cancelled on them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body calls on the federal government to provide more vaccines to New York as rapidly as possible; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this body further calls on New York State to enhance its communication and supply of vaccines to Erie County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York delegation to the United State Congress, the Director of the Center for Disease Control, the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly, Governor Andrew Cuomo, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, the Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz, the Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Health and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution.