

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

CLERK'S OFFICE

BUFFALO, N.Y., JUNE 12, 2014

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at the 12th Session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers, in the City of Buffalo, on the twelfth day of June, 2014 A.D., a Resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, Erie County believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments which is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate will:

Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community
Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, Move to Action
Decrease Energy Demand for Erie County Government Operations
Encourage Renewable Energy for Erie County Government Operations
Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices
Promote Climate Protection through Community Land Use Planning
Plan for Adaptation to Unavoidable Climate Change
Support a Green Innovation Economy
Inform and Inspire the Public
Commit to an Evolving Process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be provided to the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and the Office of Climate Change, Attention Climate Smart Communities, NYS DEC, 625 Broadway, Eighth Floor, Albany, NY 12233-1030.

REFERENCE: **COMM. 12E-5 (2014)**

ATTEST



SCOTT W. KROLL

Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County