



Association of Erie County Governments

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

The Association of Erie County Governments passed the following resolution moved by Supervisor Brian Kulpa of the Town of Amherst and seconded by Supervisor Melissa Hartman of the Town of Eden.

Whereas, the security of schools and the students within is of the utmost importance, and

Whereas, a disturbing and growing trend in the United States has seen a rise in school-based violence, and

Whereas, our municipalities and school districts often lack the available resources to retain School Resource Officers within all of our buildings, and

Whereas, School Resource Officers serve many roles for schools including but not limited to: providing law enforcement and investigation, developing crime prevention programs, training and securing school personnel, establishing a working relationship with school and students, assisting students in conflict resolution, and being positive role models; and

Whereas, the New York State Senate has already adopted its School Safety Package of legislation which includes Gallivan S.7810-A, S.7811, S.1144-A, and S.7791, which would create funding opportunities for school districts to provide Resource Officers, as well as adjust earning limitations and Peace Officer status for retired police officers.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Association of Erie County Governments does support the School Safety Package, specifically Gallivan S.7810-A, S.7811, S.1144-A, and S.7791~ and asks the honorable members of the New York State Assembly and the Governor of the State of New York to follow in the New York State Senate's example and include funding for these necessary programs in this year's budget and provide our schools this valuable resource and security.

And Further Be It Resolved, that these mandated safety programs be fully funded by New York State with specific, additional resources so as to not negatively, financially impact existing valuable education programs.

Be It RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Leader of Independent Democratic Caucus Jeffrey Klein, Honorable Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Joseph Morelle, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly Brian Kolb, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislature.

I, Marilyn Calhoun-Allen, Executive Director of the Association of Erie County Governments, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true transcript of the resolution passed by a majority of members of the Association of Erie County Governments by e-mail because of the timely nature of the upcoming New York State Budget, as held on March 14, 2018 and duly constituted a quorum.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Association of Erie County Governments this 15th day of March 2018

Marilynn Calhoun-Allen, Executive Director

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