

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS MILLS, TODARO, GREENE and MALCZEWSKI**

Re: Supporting Adoption of the “Migrant Home Rule Transfer and Transparency Act”

WHEREAS, in May and June of this year, in order to relieve housing scarcity in New York City, hundreds of self-purported asylum seekers were relocated from New York City to other municipalities, such as Cheektowaga and Amherst, under a plan in which New York City paid a company for relocation services; and

WHEREAS, while some counties declared a state of emergency and did not have individuals relocated there, others, such as Erie County, did not take such action, claiming the lack of authority to do so; and

WHEREAS, bills in the New York State Assembly and Senate with bipartisan support seek to create another avenue of authority for municipalities to determine whether their communities and governmental services are equipped to provide services to self-purported asylum seekers; and

WHEREAS, New York State Senate Bill S.7615 and New York State Assembly Bill A.8008 would require that the governing bodies of both the municipality and the county in which the municipality is located would have to approve a resolution authorizing the relocation of migrants; and

WHEREAS, further, prior to the relocation of such individuals, the relocating municipality must provide thirty days written notice to the receiving municipality regarding the relocation; and

WHEREAS, a violation of the provisions of the law would be punishable by a fine in the amount of \$1,000 per migrant, per day, payable to the comptroller of the state of New York; and

WHEREAS, although it would be preferable to remit the fine to the affected municipalities and school districts, such a fine may provide an effective deterrent against violation of the law; and

WHEREAS, such a law would improve transparency and provide a voice to impacted municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature expresses its support of New York State Senate Bill S.7615 and New York State Assembly Bill A.8008 and urges their immediate passage and adoption; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the local delegation of the New York State Legislature.