

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21, 2019

Continuing the Collaborative and Cooperative Relationship between the Dahlkemper Administration, Erie County Council and Empower Erie

WHEREAS; this resolution is aimed at the continuance of the positive momentum and impact a community college would bring to all the residents of Erie County, a case that has been laid out and well documented by a wide array of groups including Empower Erie; along with providing the greatest advantages to Erie County taxpayers; and seeks to establish a working taskforce to consist of a member of Erie County Council (appointed by Council Chairman), a member of Empower Erie, The County Executive, Director of Administration, Finance Director and Financial Consultant, Joseph Maloney to work together to continue the fiscally responsible and community spirited work undertaken thus far. And to hold transparent and publicly spirited dialogue to continue a process of public briefings by experts to County Council,

WHEREAS; Empower Erie, with its wide array of community support, and the Support of Erie County Council, as sponsor, has worked tirelessly to establish a local Community College to be used for job training, workforce development, apprenticeships, and a feeder system to other area post-secondary educational institutions, as well as any other local need that will arise and change from time to time and seeks to give opportunity to the largest population of Erie County residents particularly those in financial need. Staying consistent with the Erie County Community College Plan and desiring the efforts to be pursued to seek and establish collaborative partnerships and relationships with partners including the possibilities of jointly working together with the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College. Partnerships which would include fair and representative members to any Board. And furthermore, to seek accreditation by Middle States and partner in certificates and pursue standards under Act 114 2006 (PASSHE) for student admission, while continuing to set accountable benchmarks and meeting local branded marketing identity for partners and Erie County,

WHEREAS; Priorities have been established which include local Curriculum Control to meet the needs of Erie County using a direct, classroom delivery model when appropriate and providing remedial courses. Also, to seek avenues of financial support so that taxes would not be placed on Erie County taxpayers by securing financial support and to ensure sustainability through grants, State Legislative Action, state RCAP and or similar grants, Foundation and Philanthropic gifts and to stay with Erie County.

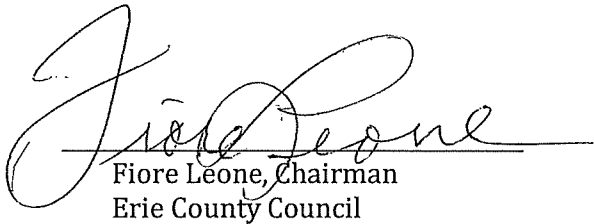
WHEREAS; to establish an "Erie County Campus": whereby, the criteria would remain consistent with the strongest recommendation of Empower Erie's Facilities Search Committee which established that no taxable property would be removed from the Tax Rolls. A measure to protect all taxpayers from additional tax base erosion, and to create such a campus from existing nontaxable and available property in a condition as close to "turnkey" as possible, owned by Erie County or owned under an Authority of Erie County. And may also include satellite buildings as the need arises to make the opportunities available to the greatest number of residents. Further, this resolution is to be read "in pari materia" (read together) with Erie County Council Resolutions Numbers 27 and 28, 2017.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 271, 2019

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RESOLVED, by the County Council of the County of Erie, that this ordinance establishing this joint taskforce consisting of the County Administration, Erie County Council and Empower Erie to seek and explore opportunities to establish positive relations between Erie County and other Collaborative partners to align in the goal of attaining and operating a community college in Erie County, is hereby approved.

On the motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Horton, this resolution was passed on this 28 day of May, 2019 by a vote of 7 to 0.

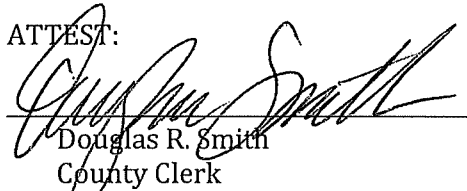

Fiore Leone, Chairman
Erie County Council

APPROVED BY:

Kathy Dahlkemper,
County Executive

Date: _____

ATTEST:


Douglas R. Smith
County Clerk

Date: May 28, 2019