RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE DRAFT ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE TO THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR APPROVAL

At a regular meeting of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board of the County of Erie held on August 21, 2025

WHEREAS, the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, in coordination with the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, began development of an updated Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan in 2024, to provide a high-level framework outlining the County's goals, prioritize lands for protection, and strategies and funding for maintaining active agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the planning process has resulted in an updated draft of the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to requirements set forth in Title 1, Section 390.3 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, the draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan must be reviewed by the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and submitted to the Erie County Legislature for approval; and

WHEREAS, the draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan was provided to the Erie County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board on August 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has reviewed the draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board hereby accepts the draft Plan and formally submits it to the Erie County Legislature with the recommendation that the Legislature approve the updated Plan.

AYE: Brett Kreher, Diane Held, Len Janiga, Dan Henry, Bryant Zilke, Mark Gaston, Mayda Pozantides, Rachel Chrostowski NAY:

ABSTAIN:

MOVED: Mark Gaston SECOND: Bryant Zilke

EXCUSED FROM MEETING: Scott Bylewski, John Gilmour

Chairperson, Erie County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board