

**PROPOSED ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION ON:
ELECTRIC BUSES FOR HEALTHIER
AND LESS EXPENSIVE TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Electric Buses have absolutely no exhaust fumes.

WHEREAS, Exhaust fumes from non-electric vehicles cause 53,000 premature deaths a year.

WHEREAS, Electric Buses are quiet, at 57 decibels, the level of sound in an average home. A Diesel bus at 72 decibels is as loud as an average home, three feet from a vacuum cleaner.

AND

WHEREAS, Electric Buses have simple engines that rarely break down.

WHEREAS, Electric Buses are inexpensive to maintain: \$14,000 per year versus \$35,000 for Diesel.

WHEREAS, Electric Buses are inexpensive to fuel: \$6,513 for electricity to travel 34,280 miles, as opposed to \$16,086 to fuel a Diesel Bus the same distance.

AND

WHEREAS, The Erie County Legislature has demonstrated its concern for the terrible health consequence of tobacco smoke pollution in its 2012 legislation on smoke-free parks and in its Clean Air Act of 1997, now is a most appropriate time for the legislature to address the even more pervasive health consequences of internal-combustion engine fumes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this honorable body affirms its support of the health of our community and of economy in the operation of its transportation system, through the use of Electric Buses.

RESOLVED, this honorable body advises the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority to begin conversion of its bus fleet to all electric this year through the purchase of **10 Electric Buses and complete fleet conversion by 2040.**

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (NFTA), Western New York Delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly, the office of Governor Andrew Cuomo, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

I want to be a Sponsor of this Resolution: