

## Association of Erie County Governments

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At the February monthly meeting of the Association of Erie County Governments held in the Town of Lancaster on February 27, 2025 the following resolution was adopted:

Town of Colden Supervisor James P. DePasquale moved and Town of Boston Supervisor Jason A. Keding seconded and unanimously approved.

Whereas, the Buy American Salt Act (S9441) went into effect in the fall of 2024, requiring New York State governments to procure salt exclusively from American-sourced salt mines, and

Whereas, due to this legislation, Erie County was forced to reject the low salt bid submitted by Compass Minerals, as their material was sourced in Ontario, Canada, with the winning bid awarded to American Rock Salt in Livingston County, which subsequently secured both Erie County and New York State salt supply contracts, and

Whereas, at the time of the award, the Town Highway Superintendents Association of Erie County raised concerns about the potential negative effects of relying on a single supplier for salt, anticipating the lack of competition could lead to price increases and the risk of supply shortages, and

Whereas, the expressed concerns have come to fruition within less than one year, as there is currently a significant salt supply shortage, and

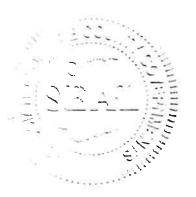
Whereas, this shortage poses serious challenges to our ability to maintain proper service levels and ensure the safety of residents across Erie County, and all respective towns,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Association of Erie County Governments strongly urges the State Legislature to amend the Buy American Salt Act to a Buy North American Salt Act. This amendment would allow us to source materials from a broader range of vendors, including Canadian suppliers, ensuring a stable and adequate supply of salt to keep our roads safe during winter months; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Kathy Hochul, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Republican Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ortt, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly William A. Barclay, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislature.

I, Marilynn Calhoun-Allen, Executive Director, do hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by The Association of Erie County Governments on February 27, 2025 and said meeting was duly called and duly constituted and that a quorum was present.

Marilynn Calhoun-Allen, Executive Director



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