ORDINANCE NUMBER 89, 2026

Transfer of the Offices and Operations of the Human Relations Commission to the Administration of Erie County

WHEREAS: Twenty-Five years ago, Erie County Council established the Erie County Human Relations Commission to advocate for the civil rights of the people of Erie County and to eradicate discrimination in all of its insidious forms;

WHEREAS: Erie County Council, for the past twenty-five years, has funded and presided over the operations of the Office of the Human Relations Commission;

WHEREAS: Erie County Council has now determined that the transfer of the operations of the Office of the Human Relations Commission to the Administration will augment its effectiveness and enhance its accessibility to the public; and

WHEREAS: Erie County Council desires and intends to transfer the operations of the Human Relations Commission to the Administration of Erie County; and

WHEREAS: The Administration of Erie County desires and intends to accept, receive and bear legal responsibility for the operations of the Human Relations Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 962.1 of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (43 P.S. Section 962.1), and Article II, Section 1C(2)(3) and Section 3B(2),C of the Home Rule Charter of Erie County, County Council of the County of Erie hereby transfers, assigns, conveys and hands over to the Administration of Erie County, the entire operations of the Office of the Human Relations Commission, including without limitation, its assets, liabilities and legal obligations.

FURTHER: In accepting and assuming the legal responsibilities of the Human Relations Commission, the County Executive shall succeed to the legal authority responsible for the operations and viability of the Commission;

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

I, Karen Chillcott, hereby certify that on the motion of Wertz, seconded by Copeland, this ordinance was ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 6th day of October, 2026 by a vote of 7 to 0.

Attest:

Karen Chillcott
County Clerk

Date: 10-6-26

Approved by:

Christina Vogel
County Executive

Date: 10/7/2026

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