

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25, 2025 *AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Erie County Council wishes to acknowledge the tragic death of Marchello Woodard; and
WHEREAS, Erie County Council also wishes to express our condolences and acknowledge the pain experienced by Mr. Woodard's family, friends, and the community at large; and
WHEREAS, Erie County Council acknowledges the pain that continues for the duration of an investigation; and
WHEREAS, Erie County Council acknowledges the outpouring of the community, and their advocacy; and
WHEREAS, Erie County Council serves the community because of our profound belief in democratic ideals, chief among those being the pursuit of liberty and justice; and
WHEREAS, in support of these ideals, we advocate for transparency and communication wherever possible in our processes; and
WHEREAS, while we play no role in the proceedings of justice, as elected leaders, we have a moral obligation to ensure that any reform that can be offered to prevent such tragedy should be pursued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Erie County that:

1. Erie County Council formally acknowledges the tragic circumstances of the death of Marchello D. Woodard and extends its condolences to his family and loved ones.
2. Erie County Council recommends that all county-affiliated law enforcement continues to thoroughly review and regularly update policies to align with best standards, emphasize de-escalation, and limit the use of lethal force to the narrowest of circumstances.
3. Erie County Council recommends the pursuit of funding and procurement of body cameras for all county-affiliated law enforcement.

On the motion of Copeland, seconded by Horton, this resolution was
passed on this 7th day of October, 2025 by a vote of 5 to 2 (Bayle, Schauerma)

APPROVED BY:


Terry M. Scutella, Chair
Erie County Council

Brenton Davis,
County Executive

Date: _____

ATTEST:


Karen Chillcott
Erie County Clerk

Date: 10-7-25

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On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, this resolution was passed on this _____ day of _____, 2025 by a vote of _____ to _____.

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