

Confirming Appointment Of Wanda Williams As The Ulster County Representative On The Catskill Off Track Betting Corporation Board Of Directors

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairwoman Archer and Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairman of the Legislature, David B. Donaldson, offers the following:

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster is a participating county in the Catskill Off-Track Betting Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to appoint a person to serve as its representative on the Corporation Board of Directors (Section 502 (1) of the New York State Racing, Pari-mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law); and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Naccarato has represented Ulster County since 1999 and has served continuously as Chairman of the Catskill Off Track Betting Corporation (Catskill OTB) since 2002; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Chairman, Mr. Naccarato provided invaluable leadership, insight and participation in policymaking and successful operation of off-track betting in the Catskill Region for nearly twenty years, particularly in his own beloved County of Ulster; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, and prior to the incursion of other state sanctioned gaming, by year-end 2005, Catskill OTB sales grew to \$146 million, and the most profitable OTB, distributing a record \$25.7 million in that year to racing and government, with member counties receiving nearly \$10 million for that year alone; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, through 2018, Catskill OTB earned revenues of \$339,419,151 for racing, \$385,858,278 for state and local government, and \$20,336,768 for Ulster County since off-track betting began there in 1976 through 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Naccarato has indicated his desire to relinquish his responsibilities at Catskill OTB at this time; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wanda Williams has been recommended for appointment to fill the current vacancy created by Mr. Naccarato; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is a resident of Ulster County and a well-respected advocate of off-track betting and revenues for Ulster County; now, therefore be it

Resolution No. 241 July 21, 2020

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RESOLVED, that Ms. Wanda Williams is hereby appointed to serve and represent Ulster County on the Board of Directors of the Catskill Off-Track Betting Corporation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the Catskill Off Track Betting Corporation,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on July 14, 2020

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 21st Day of July in the year Two Thousand Twenty, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 23rd Day of July in the year Two Thousand Twenty.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature