

**Urging The New York State Assembly To Approve Assembly Bill No. A07314 Authorizing Ulster County To Continue The Additional 1% Rate Of Its Sales And Compensating Use Tax For Two More Years**

Legislators Belfiglio, Bernardo, Fabiano, Felicello, Frey, Gerentine, Hansut, Harris, Hayes, Hochberg, Loughran, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, Ronk, and Terrizzi offer the following:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 134, “Approving Home Rule Request for Senate Bill No. S04627 and Assembly Bill No. A07314 Authorizing Ulster County to Continue the Additional 1% Rate of its Sales and Compensating Use Tax for Two More Years, was adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on May 17, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the additional 1% rate of this sales and compensating use tax is not a new tax but rather an extension that requires State approval every two years without which the County, City of Kingston and towns would lose about \$24 million in revenue, and

WHEREAS, the County’s total sales tax is four percent (3% permanent and 1% temporary); the additional 1% sales tax amounts to \$21 million to the County, \$2.8 million for the City of Kingston and \$732,000.00 for the towns, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature is due to adjourn within the next few days and it is imperative that all officials in Ulster County urge the New York State Assembly to approve an extension to the County sales tax; the New York State Senate has already approved the one percent extension, **and**

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby urges the New York State Assembly to approve Assembly Bill No. A07314 authorizing Ulster County to continue the additional 1% rate of its Sales And Compensating Use Tax for two more years, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean G. Skelos, Senate Minority Leader John L. Sampson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Thomas Kirwan and Peter Lopez and the New York State Association of Counties,

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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 3  
(NOES: Legislators Petit, Roberts and Sweeney)  
(Absent: Legislators Aiello and Wadnola)  
(Legislator Hansut left at 8:08 PM/  
returned at 8:19 PM)

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**(\$20,886,236.00) – COUNTY – LOSS OF ANNUALIZED REVENUES FOR 12 MONTHS**

**(\$ 2,809,260.00) – CITY OF KINGSTON – LOSS OF ANNUALIZED REVENUES FOR 12 MONTHS**

**(\$ 732,850.00) – TOWNS – LOSS OF ANNUALIZED REVENUES FOR 12 MONTHS NONE**

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2011, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.

/s/ Karen L. Binder  
Karen L. Binder, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature