

**Supporting Reinstatement Of Belleayre Jobs**

Legislators Donald Gregorius and Brian Shapiro, Co-Sponsor: Legislator James Maloney on behalf of The Economic Development and Tourism Committee and Multi-Sponsors: The Governmental Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Fabiano, Petit, Ronk, Richard Parete, Robert Parete, Rodriguez and Shapiro) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Belleayre Mt. Ski Center serves as the linchpin for the economy of the Rte. 28 corridor in the Central Catskills and visitors are drawn to the region by the ski center, support private sector businesses, and encourage future capital investments, and

WHEREAS, the revenue Belleayre generates is greater than the cost to operate, and any diminishment in its capacity to generate those revenues would diminish much needed revenue for the state, and

WHEREAS, the drastic staff reductions recently announced for Belleayre threaten the short term operations and the long term viability of this important economic engine, and

WHEREAS, tourism retention and growth are the best hope to maintain vibrant communities as the region struggles to balance the impacts of the forever wild preserve , the NYC watershed and a faltering national economy, and

WHEREAS, requiring Belleayre to absorb more than 34 per cent of the work force reductions for the entire Department of Environmental Conservation suggests that the importance of this facility is not recognized, and while all New York State residents understand the need for cost reductions in state operations, we urge you to recognize the extreme importance of this operation for the regions economic health, and

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby requests a more equitable distribution of layoffs by reinstatement of permanent positions being cut at Belleayre Mountain, 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 TBD, 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, Peter Lopez United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Town of Shandaken Supervisor and Town Board members and the New York State Association of Counties,

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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Felicello, Lomita and  
Terrizzi)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Day of January in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.

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