

Resolution No. 225 Sept. 19, 2012

Requesting Approval Of The Ulster County Legislature To Allow Individual Municipalities In Ulster County To Decide Whether Casinos Should Be Located Within Its Borders

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Fabiano, Maio, Ronk, Donaldson, Loughran and Robert Parete)

Legislator Bob Aiello offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has debated, at length and engaged in legislation relating to the potential location of certain types of gaming facilities, or casinos, in Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the potential location of gaming or casino facilities has raised great concern among members of the public as well as members of the Ulster County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has advocated to bring privately owned commercial casinos to New York State, and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2005 the Ulster County Legislature unanimously adopted Resolution 195, which prohibited the County of Ulster from approving a Local Service Agreement for any Native American gaming establishment or casino in any Ulster County municipality without the consent of the Town, Village or City in which the establishment or casino is to be sited, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature strongly supports the concept of Home Rule and believes the residents of each individual municipality in Ulster County should have input as to whether a gaming establishment should be located within its borders; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Ulster will not approve a Local Service Agreement for any gaming establishment or casino in any Ulster County municipality without the consent of the Town, Village or City in which the establishment or casino is to be sited, 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 Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, and Peter Lopez, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Donaldson and Harris)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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 19th day of September, 2012, 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 21st Day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

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