

**Supporting The Advancement And Promotion Of Mountain Biking Activities At NYS Belleayre Mountain**

Legislators Gregorius and Shapiro and Multi-Sponsors: Legislators Briggs, Donaldson, Hochberg, Lomita, Loughran, Madsen, Richard Parete, Robert Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Sheeley, Stoeckeler and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, Belleayre Mountain, located within the Town of Shandaken, County of Ulster, is owned and operated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and

WHEREAS, Belleayre Mountain Ski Center was created to help boost the local economy through an amendment to the New York State Constitution, and gained approval through a public referendum vote prior to 1949, and

WHEREAS, during the ski season, roughly December through March, the local towns and municipalities acknowledge the economic benefits of those activities during the winter season, and

WHEREAS, Belleayre Mountain, outside of hiking activities and the Belleayre Music Festival which provide economic advancement to the area at limited times during the warmer months, and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades mountain biking activities have increased exponentially where it was not a sport to be considered in the Nineteen Forties, and

WHEREAS, there is and are concerted efforts by local and state officials for promotion of mountain biking trails and activity as an economic boost for our region during the warmer climate months, and

WHEREAS, the trails at Belleayre remain dormant most of the year outside of the ski season, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature joins the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken in requesting New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to consider allowing mountain biking activities at the State owned and operated Belleayre during the times of year when the trails are not being utilized for snowsports activities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor David Paterson, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Pete Grannis, Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., Senate Minority Leader Dean G. Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority

Resolution No. 261 October 19, 2010

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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 and Frank K. Skartados and the New York State Association of Counties,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)  
(Legislator Rodriguez arrived at 7:17 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE DOLLARS

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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 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010, 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 21<sup>st</sup> Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Ten.

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