

Requesting All State And Federal Officials To Investigate If Refineries, Oil Companies And Distributors Are Price Gouging Customers

Legislator Dart and Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Bartels, Berardi, Busick, Cummings, DePew, Donaldson, Every, Feldmann, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, Hathaway, Hyatt, Kraft, Lomita, Loughran, Maloney, McAfee, Meyer, Noonan, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Roberti, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Stock, Stoeckeler, Tipp and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, gas and oil prices have reached record all time highs and oil companies are recording all time record billion dollar profits, and

WHEREAS, area gas stations have raised their retail prices two and three times in a single day, and

WHEREAS, many Americans live on fixed incomes and cannot afford the major increases at the gas pump, and

WHEREAS, it is likely that home heating prices will soar in the coming months.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature requests the New York State and United States Attorney Generals to launch an investigation into the possible price gouging of gas and oil in Ulster County, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, Ulster County urges New York State officials to investigate possible price controls on oil and gas prices in New York State, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, United States Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz, Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Daniel Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, the National Association of Counties and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Hyatt and Provenzano)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE