

**Urging The New York State Department Of Parks, Recreation And Historic Development To Stage The 2009 Summer Empire State Games In The Hudson Valley**

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Berardi, Gregorius, Loughran, Sheeley, Alfonso and Roberti) and Legislators Legislators Aiello, Bartels, Bischoff, Busick, Cahill, Cummings, Dart, Distel, Donaldson, Every, Fabiano, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, Kraft, Liepmann, Lomita, McAfee, Noonan, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Shapiro, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Empire State Games (ESG), America's oldest state-wide amateur competition, is celebrating its 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year in Rochester, New York, and

WHEREAS, the ESG is an annual event which brings together approximately 6,000 of New York State's finest amateur athletes, volunteer staff and officials, and

WHEREAS, the ESG attracts thousands of spectators, thus providing a substantial economic boost to the benefit of the host community, and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley region had the opportunity to act as host community for the ESG in 2005, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County, Dutchess County, the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce, Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce, Dutchess Community College, Marist College and Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, Mount Saint Mary's College in Newburgh, SUNY-New Paltz and a host of other organizations, institutions, and facilities in the area can provide the quality athletic venues, housing facilities, and other assets required to successfully host the ESG in 2009.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature joins the Dutchess County Legislature in urging the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Development to stage the Summer 2009 Empire State Games in the Hudson Valley, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, 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, and the New York State Association of Counties,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)  
(Legislator Gerentine left at 9:45 PM)  
(Legislator Loughran left at 9:45 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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