

Supporting New York State Assembly Bill No. A09239 And New York State Senate Bill No. S01052A Which Establishes A Blue Ribbon Commission On Property Tax Reform To Examine, Evaluate And Make Recommendations On Alternatives Or Modifications To The Existing Ad Valorem Real Property Tax System And Alternative Sources Of Funding For Local Education

The Administrative Services Committee (Chairman Cahill and Legislators Bischoff, Kraft, R.S. Parete, Stoeckeler, Aiello and Every) offers the following:

WHEREAS, in the current economy, rising property values coupled with an ever increasing tax burden, have discouraged or even prohibited potential individuals from being real property owners, and

WHEREAS, the real property tax system in the State of New York needs to be examined and restructured in order to provide significant property tax relief to the people of Ulster County and all residents of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate have determined that a Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Reform should be established to examine the current ad valorem property tax system and local education financing system in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate have introduced bills to create a Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Reform to examine, evaluate and make recommendations on alternatives or modifications to the existing ad valorem real property tax system in this state and alternative sources for funding for local education, and

WHEREAS, this commission shall submit a report and recommendations to the Governor, the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate upon completion of such examination, and

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature supports New York State Assembly Bill No. A09239 and New York State Senate Bill No. S01052A to establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Reform to examine, evaluate and make recommendations on alternatives or modifications to the existing ad valorem real property tax system in this state and alternative sources for funding for local education,, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature encourages the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate to adopt the aforementioned legislation during their current session, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Eliot Spitzer, New York State Comptroller's Office, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader Malcolm Smith, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, 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 Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE