

**Opposing The New York State Governor's Proposal To Add A Tax On Carbonated Beverages**

Legislator Laura Petit and Co-Sponsors: The Governmental Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Fabiano, Ronk, Richard Parete, Robert Parete and Rodriguez) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York has proposed in his budget that a tax be added to carbonated beverages, and

WHEREAS, the intent of his budget submission is to reduce and/or control the rates of overweight and obese residents of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, for families in New York State who are already hit hard by the recession, the imposition of a new tax, to go into the General Fund of the State of New York, which in no way reduces or controls the rates of overweight and obese residents, and

WHEREAS, it should not be the intent or right of the State of New York to tell or mandate the spending of a food budget on a particular food product, or endorse one product over another, and albeit healthier or more nutritious, and

WHEREAS, the voters of the County of Ulster have voiced opposition to the Budget item, and

WHEREAS, the Governmental Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby opposes any such tax on carbonated beverages, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor David Paterson, Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., Senate Minority Leader Dean G. Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority 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,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 17 NOES: 14  
(NOES: Legislators Briggs, Donaldson,  
Gregorius, Hochberg, Lomita, Loughran, Madsen,  
Richard Parete, Robert Parete, Provenzano,  
Rodriguez, Shapiro, Sheeley, and Stoeckeler)  
(Absent: Legislators Felicello and Zimet)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Ten.

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