

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 515 OF 2015

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Monroe, Girard, Sokol, Wood, Frasier, Westcott and Strough

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW REGARDING DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS AND TRAVEL BY ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

WHEREAS, All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riding is a popular activity in New York State, and

WHEREAS, many towns and counties in the Adirondacks and across New York State have developed, or are developing multi-use trail systems open to ATV's, and

WHEREAS, these trail systems are important to rural economies that are dependent on tourism and increase revenue streams for local, county and state government, and

WHEREAS, an "otherwise impossible" restriction in current Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 2405, does not allow towns and counties the flexibility to open roads to adjoining trail systems and lands for completion of trail systems, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board has asked the Warren County Board of Supervisors to support legislation to amend NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law to allow localities the ability to connect trail systems and facilitate travel by All Terrain Vehicles, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Governor and the State Legislature to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law to provide local governments with increased authority to designate roads open for ATV and UTV use as they deem necessary by deleting the "otherwise impossible" restriction, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Association of Counties; Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Charles E. Schumer; Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand; Congresswoman Elise Stefanik; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; and Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec.