

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 251 OF 2011

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Bentley, Thomas, Monroe, Girard, Sokol, McCoy and Wood

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR CUOMO TO REJECT THE 2011 NEW YORK STATE MANDATE RELIEF REDESIGN TEAM REPORT

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 6 which, among other things, formed a Mandate Relief Redesign Team to find ways to reduce costs of mandated programs and determine how to give school districts and local governments greater ability to control costs and identify opportunities to eliminate or reduce unfunded and under funded mandates, and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2011, Governor Cuomo accepted a preliminary report from said Redesign Team, and

WHEREAS, although the effort may have been well-intended, the Report provides little mandate relief and, instead, offers goals and ideas for future study, and

WHEREAS, the Report does not meet the mission that was identified by the Governor and provides no substantial recommendations or specific legislation to curb unfunded mandates or implement mandate relief in the near future, and

WHEREAS, New York State mandates upon lower level governments are responsible for imposing huge property taxes upon residents of the State, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a real mandate reform be implemented now, rather than promise relief to taxpayers through future studies, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby respectfully urges Governor Andrew Cuomo to reject the 2011 Mandate Relief Redesign Team Report and to direct said Team to prepare a final report that introduces property tax relief for the citizens of New York State, 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 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward and the New York State Association of Counties.