

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 333 OF 2011

**Resolution introduced by Supervisors Belden and Thomas**

### **CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER (IGT) PAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the federal government makes payments to the states for costs associated with Medicaid for county nursing homes known as the intergovernmental transfer (IGT), and

WHEREAS, IGT is made to offset the high costs of operation of government owned nursing homes, and

WHEREAS, Warren County has seen its costs of operation rise over the years in, for example, retirement costs which have escalated by 115% over three years and health insurance which has risen by 9.5% per year, and

WHEREAS, the County relies on IGT funding to offset the growing deficit at Westmount Health Facility, the County owned nursing facility, and

WHEREAS, currently the County had \$1,819,474 in IGT budgeted for 2010 which it has yet to receive and an additional \$1.8 million for 2011, and

WHEREAS, Westmount is almost out of operating capital and needs its 2010 funding as well as 2011 funding to pay its costs and meet its obligations to provide care for its residents, and

WHEREAS, this IGT funding represents approximately 22% of Westmount's yearly revenue, and

WHEREAS, the failure to transfer IGT monies to Warren County, and other counties, places those counties in financial peril at a time when growing health care costs make it imperative to fund health care for our most vulnerable residents, and

WHEREAS, IGT money was, and is, essential if county operated homes are to continue to operate, now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby calls upon the State of New York to immediately release IGT monies owed Warren County and the other counties of the State so that the counties may meet the needs of facility residents, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board calls upon the State to continue IGT funding and make certain and timely transfers to the counties immediately upon receipt, 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 Cuomo; Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little; Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward; and the Committee on Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to those other counties who operate skilled nursing facilities.