

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 309 OF 2012

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Thomas, Taylor, Sokol, Monroe, Bentley, Wood, Kenny, Merlino and Conover

**RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 16, 2012 TO BE “MAYDAY FOR MANDATE RELIEF”
AND URGING THE MANDATE RELIEF COUNCIL TO TAKE SWIFT ACTION
IN SUBMITTING A PACKAGE OF MANDATE RELIEF PROPOSALS TO
GOVERNOR CUOMO AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO BE VOTED
ON THIS SESSION**

WHEREAS, the State of New York mandates (requires) the delivery of State programs using local resources, causing some counties to dedicate more than eighty percent (80%) of their entire budget toward the funding of State mandated programs and fixed costs, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties has identified just nine (9) state mandates that equal ninety percent (90%) of all county property taxes levied in 2010 (outside of New York City), consuming \$4 billion of \$4.4 billion in county property taxes levied. These mandates include: Medicaid, TANF/Public Assistance Safety Net, Child Welfare Protective and Preventive Care, Special Education Pre-School, Early Intervention, Probation, Indigent Defense, Youth Detention, and Pensions, and

WHEREAS, these State mandates are the root cause of high county property and sales taxes in New York State and have led to a decline in the delivery of important local services, and

WHEREAS, these State mandates continue to contribute to New York State bearing the highest in the nation local tax burden for residents and businesses, which severely damages New York State’s ability to attract, create and maintain good paying jobs, as well as contributes to a decline in population, and

WHEREAS, when New York State enacted a property tax cap in 2011, a Mandate Relief Council was established to review specific mandates and advance legislative proposals to reduce the statutory and regulatory burden on municipalities, now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that Warren County hereby declares May 16, 2012 to be “Mayday for Mandate Relief” to demonstrate that the decisions made in Albany have a direct impact on the property tax levy and local community services here in Warren County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Warren County hereby calls on the Mandate Relief Council to take swift action in submitting a package of Mandate Relief proposals to Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to be voted on by our State Representatives during the 2012 State Legislative Session, and be it further

RESOLVED, that New York Association of Counties is hereby authorized to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, to members of the New York State Legislature and to all those deemed necessary and proper.