

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 385 OF 2012

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NO. S5629-B AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A6575 AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX LAW IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING CERTAIN COUNTIES, CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPOSE UP TO A FOUR PERCENT RATE OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 29 OF SUCH LAW AND TO PRESERVE THE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN COUNTIES AND A CITY TO IMPOSE SUCH TAXES AT RATES IN EXCESS OF FOUR PERCENT; AND TO REPEAL CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SUCH LAW RELATING THERETO

RESOLUTION FAILED.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors supports this home rule legislation as it provides mandate relief and enhanced fiscal management tools for local governments, and

WHEREAS, County and State legislative staff, along with elected officials, currently spend significant time and energy in order to deal with the renewals of existing local sales tax rate legislation every two years under the current State legislative model, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would end the practice of requiring state approval and renewal for local sales tax rate changes, up or down, that do not exceed four percent, and

WHEREAS, this will also allow county officials to manage their local sales tax rates in a way that is most efficient for local taxpayers, and will reduce waste and redundancy in state and local legislative procedure, and

WHEREAS, County leaders submit home rule legislation requests out of necessity, as they are necessary in order to finance, implement and deliver state and federally mandated programs, ensure local public health and safety, foster economic development and enhance local quality of life services demanded by county residents, and

WHEREAS, these home rule legislation requests allow local officials to manage their budgets and

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pay for state mandated and other services in the least intrusive and burdensome way for local taxpayers and are often requested to limit or prevent property tax increases, and

WHEREAS, this legislation would also provide counties with an important local fiscal management tool consistent with similar financial management flexibility granted to New York City a few years ago, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Senate Bill No. S5629-B and Assembly Bill No. A6575 to amend the tax law, 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; Congressman Christopher Gibson; Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little; and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, and any others deemed necessary.