

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 418 OF 2013

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Monroe, Bentley, Montesi, Girard, Sokol, Wood and Frasier

REQUESTING MODIFICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICY WITH REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION OF MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued an Executive Order regarding overall goals for State agency administration of the State's minority and women-owned business enterprise program, and

WHEREAS, the Department of State has established an overall goal of twenty percent (20%) for minority and women-owned business enterprise participation with ten percent (10%) minority-owned business enterprise participation and ten percent (10%) for women-owned business enterprise participation, based on the current availability of qualified minority and women-owned business enterprises, and

WHEREAS, the Department of State requires that Warren County, as a participating and contracting agency with the Department of State with regard to grant agreements, also set the minority and women-owned business enterprise participation rates at the same level as the Department of State for the grant agreements from the Department, and at least one (1) Department of State official has advised that the Department would withhold twenty percent (20%) of funding if the County has not met the goals, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Community Development has pointed out that the County is a rural community and that the availability of minority and women-owned business enterprises is limited in this area, and is undoubtedly limited in other similar rural areas of New York State and therefore does not seem appropriate or equitable that Warren County or other counties similarly situated should be penalized for an inability to achieve the twenty percent (20%) minority and women-owned business enterprise goal, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board to send a letter to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little,

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Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec and Secretary of State Cesar A. Perales expressing the County's concerns as outlined in the preambles of this resolution with the letter to be in a form approved by the County Attorney, 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 and the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.