

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 393 OF 2015

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Monroe, Girard, Sokol, Wood, Frasier, Westcott and Strough

OPPOSING NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A.6430 REGARDING THE RESTRAINT OF FEMALE PRISONERS DURING CHILDBIRTH

WHEREAS, NYS Assembly Bill A.6430 was discharged expeditiously through committees of both houses and various entities were never given an opportunity for input or comment, and

WHEREAS, the bill makes amendments to the current law on security restraints for pregnant female prisoners on how and when they may be used, as well as “no restraint” provisions, and that a sheriff must find extraordinary circumstances exist, must seek medical consultation, must justify in writing, and various other reporting measures every time the use of restraints are used on a female prisoner, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the passage of New York State Assembly Bill No. A.6430 regarding the restraint of female prisoners during childbirth, as this bill is excessive, overstated, and extraordinarily burdensome in many ways resulting in an unfunded mandate, and an increase in the overtime of corrections costs to the counties, and in some circumstances, will jeopardize safety, create escape possibilities, and security concerns of all involved, 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 Elizabeth O’C. Little; Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec; the New York State Sheriff’s Association; and Sheriff Nathan H. York.