

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2017

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS STROUGH, MONTESI, BROCK, BRAYMER, GIRARD, SOKOL, MCDEVITT, GERAGHTY AND LEGGETT**

### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING ACTION BY NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF THE STAR (SCHOOL TAX RELIEF) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law was adopted by the New York State Legislature in 1997, and

WHEREAS, Section 425, known as the STAR (School Tax Relief ) exemption has since provided significant tax savings to millions of homeowners, and

WHEREAS, the administration of the STAR program had been successfully administered by local municipal Assessors who also administer all of New York State's other property tax exemptions, and

WHEREAS, local exemption administration provides easy access for taxpayers and is cost effective, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to save New York State money, Section 425 was amended in 2016 from a local exemption program to a state reimbursement check program, and

WHEREAS, the amended program was hastily implemented, thereby costing the State thousands of additional dollars to correct and resulting in taxpayer frustration and confusion,

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of New York State were better served by the original exemption protocol, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the residents of Warren County, respectfully urges the New York State Legislature to undertake immediate action to repeal the 2016 amendments to Section 425 of the Real Property Tax and return the STAR Program to its original local exemption status, 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 M. Cuomo, Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little, Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec and the New York State Association of Counties.