

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 123 OF 2017

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT, MACDONALD, BEATY, SIMPSON, SOKOL, MONTESI, LEGGETT, BRAYMER AND STROUGH

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR CUOMO'S EMPIRE STATE TRAIL

WHEREAS, in the 2017 Budget proposal Governor Andrew M. Cuomo proposed completing the Hudson River Valley Greenway and Erie Canalway trails by 2020 to create the Empire State Trail, which will be the largest state multi-use trail in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the State will develop 350 miles of new trail in three phases to create a 750-mile pathway for hiking and biking along scenic vistas and through charming, historic communities, and

WHEREAS, the Empire State Trail will span much of the state, from the New York Harbor to the Adirondack Mountains to the Canadian border - and from the shores of Lake Erie along the historic Erie Canal to the heart of the Capital Region, and

WHEREAS, the Empire State Trail will use the Hudson River Valley Greenway, which is nearly 50 percent complete and crosses the Appalachian Trail, spanning over 260 miles between the Manhattan Battery Park and Lake George. The Hudson River Valley Greenway generates more than \$21 million in economic impact annually from visitors stopping in communities along the trails, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Bikeway, which runs 11 miles from Glens Falls to Lake George, is a potential route that could be used to connect Albany to Lake George, and

WHEREAS, from Lake George, the Empire State Trail is proposed to closely follow, and in many places parallel State Bike Route 9, which extends the Hudson River Valley Greenway an additional 130 miles along Lake Champlain to the Canadian border, and

WHEREAS, the use of the Warren County Bikeway as a part of the Empire State Trail will attract more hikers, bikers, and cross country skiers to Warren County, and will provide visitors and residents greater access to destinations, heritage areas, and historic sites within Warren County and our surrounding Counties, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors supports the creation of the Empire State Trail and the use of the Warren County Bikeway for the Empire State Trail, and authorizes and directs the Clerk of the Board to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Cuomo, Senator Little and Assemblyman Stec, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to take such other and further action as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.