

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 128 OF 2017

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS SEEBER, FRASIER, MCDEVITT, BROCK, VANSELOW, MONTESI, LEGGETT, BRAYMER, GERAGHTY, SIMPSON AND HYDE**

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE BASE AID INCREASE FOR ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, Chancellor Zimpher of the State University of New York, with the support of the State University of New York Board of Trustees, has launched an advocacy plan across the State for “SUNY Stands for all New Yorkers”, and

WHEREAS, included in this “SUNY Stands for all New Yorkers” initiative, is a request to provide \$14.8 million to hold each community college campus harmless and ensure no cuts, as well as a dedicated \$14.2 million investment fund to continue providing the necessary supports for student success and completion, and

WHEREAS, the SUNY Board of Trustees, the SUNY Community College Presidents’ Association, the New York Community College Trustees Association, the SUNY Faculty Council, and others have expressed their support for this advocacy plan, and

WHEREAS, recent base aid increases have not kept pace with the ongoing increased costs of Adirondack Community College’s basic operations despite continued focus on expense reduction and pursuit of alternative revenue sources, and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Community College’s current (2016-2017) base aid, despite the State’s 2016-2017 year-over-year increase, remains at the level of 2009, and has not kept pace with increases mandated by contractual obligations, and

WHEREAS, State support for community college operating budgets, currently at twenty-nine percent for Adirondack Community College, is far below the regulated one-third of operating costs that the State is meant to contribute per New York State Education Law (see Education Law Article 26, Section 6304), and

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WHEREAS, as one of the co-sponsors of Adirondack Community College, it is difficult to support our community college to the extent we would like due to the limitations imposed by the property tax cap and other financial costs associated with State and Federal mandates, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that Adirondack Community College is a vital part of the overall economic ecosystem of our communities, and

WHEREAS, our ability to continue to attract and grow business in our community is dependent on an educated and qualified workforce, which is provided in large part by the services of Adirondack Community College, and

WHEREAS, these circumstances for community colleges and their respective county sponsors are similar throughout the SUNY system, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, for all these reasons, the Warren County Board of Supervisors requests that the New York State Legislature and Governor Cuomo support the “hold harmless” and dedicated investment fund request so that SUNY’s community colleges can thrive and support our local and statewide needs.