Marren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 155 of 2017

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS VANSELOW, FRASIER, MCDEVITT, BROCK, SEEBER, MONTESI, LEGGETT, MACDONALD AND HYDE

SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL NO. S1908 AND NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A3397, WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE COUNTIES' SHARE OF DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE (DMV) REVENUE TO PROVIDE A MORE EQUITABLE SHARE FOR COUNTIES

WHEREAS, in New York State, 51 of 62 counties are mandated to operate a local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Office, and

WHEREAS, local DMV Offices provide customer service and process many no-fee transactions on behalf of New York State, and

WHEREAS, under current law, New York State's share of all fees collected from the work performed by the county-operated DMVs is 87.3 percent, and

WHEREAS, the remaining 12.7 percent county-share has not been increased since 1999, yet the amount of work required by the local DMV Offices has increased in that same time period, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor and Legislature have repeatedly stated that lowering the property tax burden on local residents is a key priority, and

WHEREAS, increasing the county-share of DMV revenue sharing rate with New York State will not result in any increased cost or fees to local residents or taxpayers, and will provide counties with the needed revenue to continue to provide necessary local government services, and

WHEREAS, there is a clear inequity present when a county DMV provides all services, including overhead and staffing to fulfill these DMV needs for state residents, yet the state takes 87.3 percent of the revenue generated from providing said services, and

WHEREAS, the New York Association of County Clerks (NYSACC) strongly supports S1908 (Ritchie)/A3397 (Brindisi) which would increase the DMV revenue to counties and provide a more equitable share in order to run DMV offices and help offset county property taxes, now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors also supports New York State Senate Bill S1908 and New York State Assembly Bill A3397, which would increase the counties' share of Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Revenue to provide a more equitable share for counties, 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; New York State Association of County Clerks; Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks; Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; and Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec.