

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 354 OF 2017

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

REQUESTING ACTION BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE UNFUNDED NEW YORK STATE MANDATE PERTAINING TO “SUICIDE WATCH” AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONS FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Warren County Sheriff’s Office is responsible for operating the Warren County Corrections Facility and ensuring the safety, health and security of all inmates who are committed to the custody of the Sheriff, and

WHEREAS, such responsibilities must be carried out in accordance with the laws enacted by the New York State Legislature and regulations promulgated by the New York State Commission of Corrections, and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Corrections has opined that, in interpreting its own regulations in a Chairman’s memorandum, persons who are newly admitted to the jail and suspected of being under the influence of an opiate be immediately put under constant supervision, and

WHEREAS, this practice cannot be effectively implemented by the Warren County Sheriff’s Office without additional funding, manpower and training for corrections officers in determining whether an individual is under the influence of opioid, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors calls upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to support the efficient and satisfactory implementation of this dedicated supervision by providing funding necessary to accommodate the increased financial burden placed on Warren County taxpayers by mandating this dedicated supervision, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Elizabeth O’C Little, Assemblyman Dan Stec, the New York State Commission of Corrections, the New York State Association of Counties and the Intercounty

