

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2015

**Resolution introduced by Supervisors Monroe, Girard, Sokol, Wood, Frasier, Westcott and Strough**

### **OPPOSING EXECUTIVE 2015-16 STATE BUDGET PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE UPSTATE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS, the Governor has outlined the Executive 2015-16 State Budget Proposal which would create the Upstate Revitalization Account in the amount of \$1.5 Billion Dollars, and

WHEREAS, this Account would be a one-time special initiative in which seven regional economic development areas compete for one of three \$500 Million Dollar Upstate Revitalization Grants, and

WHEREAS, the initiative would be open to the Mid-Hudson, Capital Region, Mohawk Valley, Central New York, North Country, Southern Tier and Finger Lakes and would resemble the current Regional Economic Development Council, and

WHEREAS, the Upstate Revitalization Account's goal is to provide a regional economic plan that focuses on strengthening critical infrastructure, revitalization of communities, bolstering workforce development, growing tourism and improving quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors applauds the Governor for recognizing the economic needs of Upstate New York; however, believes it would be more equitable and beneficial for all counties within the Upstate Revitalization regions to share the \$1.5 Billion Dollar Grant funds by population rather than competing for the same, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Warren County urges the Governor to restructure his plan for the Upstate Revitalization Account Grant program so that all Upstate Counties share equitably by population in this funding, 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; Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; and Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec.