

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 649 OF 2015

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TOWN OF HORICON RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMON GROUND ALLIANCE, “ROAD, BRIDGE, UTILITY AND COMMUNITY, ADAPTATION/ SUSTAINABILITY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT”

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon adopted Resolution No. 156 of 2015 supporting the Common Ground Alliance, “Road, Bridge, Utility and Community Adaptation/Sustainability Constitutional Amendment”, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule “A”, and is requesting that the Warren County Board of Supervisors lend their support to the Common Ground Alliance, “Road, Bridge, Utility and Community Adaptation/Sustainability Constitutional Amendment”, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Common Ground Alliance, “Road, Bridge, Utility and Community Adaptation/Sustainability Constitutional Amendment”, 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.

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SCHEDULE "A"

RESOLUTION #156-2015

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 156 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COMMON GROUND ALLIANCE, "ROAD, BRIDGE, UTILITY, AND COMMUNITY, ADAPTATION/SUSTAINABILITY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT"

WHEREAS, the need for a Constitutional Amendment to deal with some critical Forest Preserve issues, has been identified by the State Land Master Plan, the Commission Report on the 21st Century, multiple local governments, and AATV, and

WHEREAS, the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) acknowledged and confronted this issue on behalf of the Adirondack Park, all the Park residents, as well as, the State of New York and all of its residents, and

WHEREAS, the CGA process involved a balanced Work Group, interviews with stakeholders from all sides of the Adirondack debate, and the synthesis of all this work into a balanced and well founded solution to long standing problems, and

WHEREAS, this balanced, thoughtful, and in depth review has brought forth a proposal to resolve key road and bridge issues associate with, the safety and sustainability of County, Town, and Village Roads, and

WHEREAS, this balanced, thoughtful, and in depth review has brought forth a proposal to resolve key utility issues associated with, water, sewer, power, and fiber connections, and

WHEREAS, this balanced, thoughtful, and in depth review has brought forth a proposal to resolve small community project issues like, the Raquette Lake Water Well Amendment, the Keene Cemetery Amendment, plus outstanding issues associated with Blue Mountain Lake Water and the Blue Mountain Lake Cemetery, and

WHEREAS, while the CGA proposal does not goes as far as some stakeholders or local governments have advocated for, this represents a critical solution for some long standing, universally acknowledged problems.

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board hereby goes on record supporting this critical proposal for a Constitutional Amendment, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board calls upon the Governor and the NYS Legislature, to attain first passage of this critical Constitutional Amendment and Implementing Legislation, during the upcoming 2016 Legislative Session, and be it also

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, Senator Little, Assemblyman Stec, AATV, and the Warren County Board of Supervisors.