

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 170 OF 2016

**Resolution introduced by Supervisors Strough, Seeber, Girard, Sokol, Wood, McDevitt, Montesi, Braymer and Leggett**

**IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL A06202A TO REQUIRE FULL STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY EXPENDITURES FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, New York State settled a class action lawsuit, Hurrell-Harring, et. al. v. State of New York, et. al., Index No. 8866-07, and the Supreme Court ruled that the State of New York must provide Onondaga, Ontario, Schuyler, Suffolk and Washington Counties with relief in providing criminal legal defense services, and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Warren County was burdened with over \$1.2 Million in unfunded indigent defense mandates, and

WHEREAS, New York State is constitutionally required to provide defense counsel in all criminal proceedings against people unable to afford counsel, and

WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced in the Assembly requiring state reimbursement to counties and cities in which a county is located of the full amount of expenditures for indigent legal services, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors support the passage and chaptering of Assembly Bill A6202A, 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 Assemblyman Pat Fahy, Senator Neil Breslin, Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little, Assemblyman Daniel Stec, the New York State Association of Counties and the New York Civil Liberties Union.