

**Supporting The License Approval And Operation Of A Casino At The Former Nevele Grande Hotel And Country Club In The Town Of Wawarsing**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Allen, Archer, Litts, Maio, Maloney, and Rodriguez)

Legislator Richard A. Gerentine and Legislators Briggs and Lopez offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Upstate New York Gaming Economic Development Act of 2013 (Chapters 174 and 175 of the Laws of 2013) (hereinafter “the Gaming Act”) was enacted on July 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2013, New York voters passed the public referendum amending the State Constitution authorizing casino gambling in New York State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Gaming Act, four (4) casinos are to be sited within three (3) regions of the State; and

WHEREAS, one of the regions is the Catskills/Hudson Valley region which includes Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Act creates the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board to review and evaluate the applications submitted to make selections of who is eligible to apply for a commercial gaming license in New York State; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of filing, each applicant must illustrate to the Board’s satisfaction that local and community support has been demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Act was enacted to assist in job growth and increase school and property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Budget projects that a casino will generate approximately \$2 Million dollars annually in school and property tax relief in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Budget further projects that a casino will provide approximately \$2,287,985 annually in local government aid in Ulster County; and

**Resolution No. 144      April 15, 2014**

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WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 154 passed on June 19, 2012, the Ulster County Legislature supported the placement of a casino at the former Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club in the Town of Wawarsing because it would create thousands of direct and indirect jobs and provide an economic stimulus in the southern part of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has demonstrated his strong support for a casino being sited at the Nevele site; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Wawarsing has unanimously approved and supported locating a gaming casino at the Nevele site through passage of Resolution No. 11 of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Ellenville has unanimously voted to support the revitalization of the Nevele site by the construction of a casino by Nevele Investors, LLC as evidenced by Resolution No. 022712-15; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature supports the awarding of a gaming facility license for the operation of a casino at the former Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club in the Town of Wawarsing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall send a copy of this resolution to the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit  
on \_\_\_\_\_.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE