

Calling On The New York State Legislature And The Federal Government To Institute Price Controls For Gasoline And Home Heating Fuel

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the economy of the United States, State of New York and Ulster County has been dramatically and adversely affected by the rising cost of petroleum, and

WHEREAS, oil has hit record highs this calendar year resulting in the highest gas prices ever seen in the history of the United States, and

WHEREAS, multinational oil companies have recorded record profits in the past year, and

WHEREAS, oil prices have caused rising energy costs that are passed onto Ulster County residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, consumption taxes constitute a minimal part of the cost of oil and are an essential part of energy independence from foreign oil, and

WHEREAS, the government of the United States has previously instituted price controls under the administrations of Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Nixon and Ford.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature calls upon our State and Federal governments to institute immediate price controls on all fuel and home heating oil in order to ensure the health of the American economy and to cap the cost to consumers for home heating oil, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests a Congressional hearing into alleged price gauging by the oil industry and if price gauging is found that guilty companies be penalized, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Governor David Paterson, New York State Comptroller's Office, United States Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Senate Majority Leader Dean G. Skelos, Senate Minority Leader Malcolm Smith, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill,

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Clifford W. Crouch, Peter Lopez and Thomas Kirwan, the National Association of Counties and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator R.A. Parete)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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