

Ulster County's Recognition And Support For The Hudson Valley Materials Exchange

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee) and Legislators Kraft, Liepmann and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, according to its mission statement, "the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange is an educational waste prevention organization that fosters business and community development, art and culture, environmental protection, and sustainable living through its services," and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange is an outstanding organization that was founded in Ulster County in 1993 and continues to serve the residents of Ulster County from its current location at Stewart International Airport, and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange has received over \$1,000,000.00 in financial support from Federal, State and local government since its inception, and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange has greatly benefited our region by redirecting over 3,000 tons of recyclable materials from the waste stream, including building and artists supplies and household items, and

WHEREAS, the recent expansion and acquisition of Stewart International Airport by the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey has resulted in the unfortunate eviction of the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange from airport property.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature recognizes and supports the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange and requests assistance from Local, State and Federal officials to aid the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange in their efforts to continue operating, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature will forward copies of this resolution to Governor Eliot Spitzer, New York State Comptroller's Office, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, 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, William J. Larkin, Jr., Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton, New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Daniel L. Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, Congressman John Hall, Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Orange County Executive Edward Diana, Orange County Legislature Chairman William Lahey and all Orange County Legislators, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Executive Director Anthony E. Shorris, Port Authority of New York and

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New Jersey Board of Commissioners Chairman Anthony R. Coscia, Stewart International Airport President Charles Seliga, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0
(Legislator Loughran left at 9:10 PM)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Busick, Every,
Fabiano, Felicello, Provenzano, Sheeley and
Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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