

Urging Governor Cuomo And The New York State Senate To Approve The Appointment Legislator John R. Parete To The Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) Board In Accordance With NYS Senate Bill No. S6260C And NYS Assembly Bill No. A9060C

Referred to: The Economic Development and Tourism Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Maio, Roberts, Loughran and Wishnick) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Harris, Maio, Maloney, Gregorius, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

Sponsored by: Legislators Bernardo, Donaldson, Gregorius, Maloney and Ronk and Co-Sponsors: Legislators Aiello, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Fabiano, Gerentine, Harris, Lopez, Loughran, Maio, Richard Parete, Robert Parete, Provenzano, Roberts, Rodriguez, Wawro, and Wishnick offer the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 9060-c, which passed the Assembly and Senate on March 28, 2012, the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center will become part of the Olympic Regional Development Authority (herein and after known as "ORDA"), and

WHEREAS, Belleayre is a substantial economic asset for all of New York State, but in particular Ulster and Delaware Counties, and

WHEREAS, as part of the agreement to have Belleayre become a part of ORDA:

- Belleayre will continue to be operated as a year round tourism destination with a level of capital investment to that Belleayre can be operated, maintained, and improved in a similar manner to Whiteface and Gore;
- There shall be one ORDA Board Member for each of Delaware and Ulster Counties as appointed by the Governor, subject to the advice and consent of the New York State Senate;
- There will be an increase in ORDA's Community Advisory Board from 15 to 19. Two additional members would be appointed by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and two by the Ulster County Legislature;
- ORDA will maintain an office be located at Belleayre; and
- One of two ORDA Vice-Chairs shall be a resident of Ulster or Delaware Counties (the person chosen would be chosen by the recommendation of the Town Boards of Middletown and Shandaken), and

WHEREAS, Legislator John R. Parete, a member of the County Legislature who also is the owner and operator of a hospitality business in Ulster County (a restaurant), along the Route 28 Corridor which Belleayre is on, has long been a long

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time and passionate advocate for Belleayre, and represents the towns of Olive, Shandaken, Hardenburgh and Denning, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports Belleayre becoming a part of ORDA and would like to ensure that there is local representation on the ORDA Board for the residents of Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports the appointment of Legislator John R. Parete to the ORDA Board, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature respectfully urges Governor Cuomo to appoint County Legislator John R. Parete to the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) Board, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, and all representatives of Ulster County in the New York State Legislature,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator John Parete)
(Absent: Legislator Aiello)

Passed Committee: Economic Development and Tourism Committee on April 4, 2012

Passed Committee: Ways and Means Committee on April 10, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 17th day of April, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 19th Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature