

# ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE CONSENT

**Committee:** Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations  
**Sponsors:** Kulisek, Bonelli  
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**Agenda No. 3-A**

## RESOLUTION NO. 100 OF 2014

### RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE SUPPORTING THE LICENSE APPROVAL AND OPERATION OF CASINOS IN ORANGE COUNTY.

**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**, the Gaming Act was enacted to assist in job growth and increase school and property tax relief; 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**, the Catskills/Hudson Valley region is one of three regions identified in the Gaming Act for casinos and this region includes Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, locating casinos in Orange County may provide the greatest opportunity to allocate investment capital for the largest number of people in need in the Catskill Hudson Valley Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the placement of casinos in Orange County would create new jobs in the Hudson Valley, provide (i) an economic engine for growth at Newburgh- Stewart International Airport; (ii) an economic stimulus to other related industries; and (iii) provide much needed real property tax relief to the county, its local municipalities and school districts.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Legislature and County Executive support the placement of casinos in Orange County in accordance with the Upstate New York Gaming Economic Development Act of 2013, if supported by the local communities, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Orange joins in the cooperative effort of all counties seeking casinos in the Catskill/Hudson Valley region for mutual benefit in addressing issues of mutual concern; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Orange County calls upon the State of New York and all private developers who establish casinos in this region to provide funding and resources for: (i) Orange County Community College's educational programs; (ii) capital improvements to Orange County's infrastructure, (iii) traffic improvements and controls; (iv) county and local emergency services; and (v) social services (including but not limited to mental health, addiction services) to support their efforts; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Upstate New York Gaming Economic Development Act of 2013 to provide property tax relief, We, the Orange County Legislature, are opposed to the granting of any tax incentive benefit programs by the Orange County Industrial Development Agency for casinos in Orange County;

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of New York, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate, the Chairman of the New York State Senate Committee on Racing and Wagering, the Chairman of the New York State Assembly Committee on Racing and Wagering, the New York State Gaming Commission, and the New York Gaming Facility Location Board.

**APPROVED: MAY 1, 2014**



**STEVEN M. NEUHAUS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ORANGE**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, JEAN M. RAMPEN**, Clerk of the County Legislature of said County of Orange, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in my office and which was passed by the County Legislature of said County of Orange on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2014 and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and the whole thereof.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of said County Legislature this 2nd day of May, 2014.



Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Orange