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March 17, 2014

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TO: St. Lawrence County Town Supervisors and Village Mayors

FROM: Kelly S. Pearson, St. Lawrence County Deputy Clerk

DATE: March 17, 2014

SUBJECT: ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 59-2014

Enclosed please find certified copies of Resolution No. 59-2014 "Supporting a Combined Primary Date for Federal, State and Local Primary Elections" adopted by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators at a Board meeting held on February 10, 2014.

February 10, 2014

Finance Committee: 1-27-2014

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2014

**SUPPORTING A COMBINED PRIMARY DATE FOR FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

By Mr. Putney, District 15

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 55-2012 adopted February 6, 2012 supports the selection of the same date for the 2012 primary elections, and

WHEREAS, the cost of presidential, primary, and general elections have increased dramatically over the past five years, and

WHEREAS, these unfunded mandated costs are challenging for local municipalities during these times of decreasing revenue, and

WHEREAS, the benefit of multiple primaries becomes difficult to support with low voter turnout and voter confusion, and

WHEREAS, many municipalities find it difficult to budget for the additional costs even though all election expenses are charged back to the towns and the City, it is not in the best interest of the taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby supports having a unified Primary date that complies with the MOVE Act for the Federal, State and local Primaries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Elizabeth O'C Little, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblywoman Addie Russell, Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush, Assemblyman Marc Butler, and Assemblywoman Janet Duprey.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Pearson, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY**, that I have compared this Resolution No. 59-2014 entitled "Supporting a Combined Primary Date for Federal, State and Local Primary Elections", Adopted February 10, 2014, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Pearson
Kelly S. Pearson, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 11, 2014