

# Inter-County Association of Western New York

*Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates*

## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22-IC DECRY LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND IMPACT ANALYSIS IN RENEWAL OF COMPACT WITH SENECA NATION

**Sponsored By:** Seneca County

**Moved By:** Mitch Rowe (Seneca)

**Seconded By:** George Hebert (Monroe)

**WHEREAS**, it has been learned that the Governor of the State of New York has been in negotiations with the Seneca Nation to renew a Gaming Compact for a period of twenty (20) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Seneca Nation President Rickey Armstrong, Sr. has announced that the Nation has reached an agreement in principle on a Gaming Compact with New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms and principles of said agreement have not been made public; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple media reports, generally citing sources, indicate that the Gaming Compact will include a new Casino in Rochester, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation has been introduced in the New York State Legislature (SS7579/A07771) that will authorize Governor Hochul to negotiate and sign the new Compact; and

**WHEREAS**, said legislation was introduced as a Message of Necessity with no prior Public Notice and passed the New York State Senate with no debate; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Assembly has not yet taken action though it has been reported that the Assembly will return for a Special Session that may include this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of transparency and closed door manner in which this matter has been handled is not an acceptable way in which to conduct New York State affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, any renewed Gaming Compact with the Seneca Nation should include local government leaders and a fiscal impact analysis for existing casino and gaming facilities, as well as local governments, that would be impacted by a new Casino facility. Therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Inter-County Association of Western New York decries the manner in which the Governor of the State of New York and the New York State Senate have conducted themselves in these secret and non-transparent negotiations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Inter-County Association of Western New York urges the New York State Assembly to continue to hold on voting on Bill A07771 until all facts and impacts on this Gaming Compact Renewal are publicly disclosed and understood; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Senate, members of the New York State Assembly, Inter-County Association of WNY and NYSAC.

This is to Certify that I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Association at a session held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Inter-County Association of Western New York dated August 29, 2023.

  
Lisa K. Casey, Secretary  
Inter-County Association of Western New York



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