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RESOLUTION NO. 006-25

SUPPORTING LEGISLATION WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE PAYMENT OF STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS FOR STATE LAND OPERATED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate are considering proposed legislation that will amend Section 19-b of the State Public Lands Law to provide for the payment of State Aid on State-owned lands located in specific municipalities under the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, Sections 19-a and 19-b of the State Public Lands Law currently provide for the payment of State Aid on certain State-owned lands, but they do not include all State-owned lands; and

WHEREAS, State-owned lands located in various municipalities throughout the State are used by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for forestry purposes and the sale of timber, for which the State receives revenue; and

WHEREAS, the State-owned lands operated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation that are subject to the State Aid payments in various municipalities are clearly a statewide benefit; and

WHEREAS, several municipalities throughout the State receive 100 percent payment of State Aid on the State-owned lands within their municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this pending legislation would provide State Aid payments based upon the applicable local tax rate in any given year as applied against the assessment roll for those municipalities with State-owned land; and

WHEREAS, the State Aid payments would help to correct the loss of overdue tax revenue for those municipalities who are currently not receiving these payments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, strongly supports and request that Governor Kathy C. Hochul and the New York State Legislature adopt legislation providing for the payment of State Aid to all municipalities and special districts for State land operated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the NYS Senate; all members of the NYS Assembly; and the New York State Association of Counties.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Genesee County on the 21st day of March 2025.

Dated: April 2, 2025
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York