

RESOLUTION #627 - 08/08/07

SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE OF THE NEW YORK STATE
COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION TO CALL FOR A STATEWIDE
COMMISSION ON POVERTY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY – LEGISLATURE

BY: Mr. Sears

WHEREAS, New York State has the eleventh highest poverty rate in the country (14.7 percent) as a result of many individuals, families and communities struggling in today's global economy; and

WHEREAS, 2.76 million New Yorkers, including 923,000 children and 1.5 million New York City residents (19.1 percent) live below the poverty level, and more than half of the residents of Bronx, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo live in extreme poverty with incomes at less than 50 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, many rural areas and smaller cities meet or exceed these characteristics with less opportunity and resources to correct them; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Community Action Association and Coalition Partners are requesting that New York State form a 2007 Statewide Commission on Poverty and Economic Security to examine the impact of poverty in New York State; and

WHEREAS, a Statewide Commission on Poverty and Economic Security would address poverty across the State and work to ascertain the approaches New York State can successfully employ to alleviate the causes and provide resources and opportunities to help individuals and families move out of poverty and achieve economic security; and

WHEREAS, such a Commission would assess the breadth of poverty within the geographic and demographic diversity of New York State; evaluate the current interface of federal, state and local resources; and develop recommendations for the effective use of current and future state resources; and

WHEREAS, this proposed initiative has been discussed with and endorsed by the Clinton County Commissioner of the Department of Social Services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton County Legislature hereby supports the initiative of the New York State Community Action Association to call for a Statewide Commission on Poverty and Economic Security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to the New York State Community Action Association and Coalition Partners.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Butler
ADOPTED

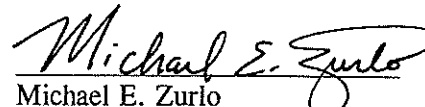
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| "Yes" | 8 |
| "No" | 0 |
| Absent | 2 (Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Paquette) |

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF CLINTON) SS:
LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution acted upon by the County Legislature, in Regular Session, August 8, 2007.

A quorum being present, and a majority voting therefor.

(SEAL)


Michael E. Zurlo
Clerk of the Board