

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator John D. Ceretto DATE: 03/17/09 RESOLUTION # IL-022-09
(Amended)

APPROVED BY	REVIEWED BY	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	_____	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes <u>0</u>
_____	_____	_____	Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
_____	_____	_____	Referred: _____

SUPPORT TO RELOCATE NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS TO NIAGARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the New York Power Authority (NYPA) is the largest state-owned power production organization in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Power Project is currently the largest generator of power of any NYPA Facility, generating 2,400,000 kilowatts of power annually, and

WHEREAS, currently, the New York Power Authority is located in White Plains, New York, and

WHEREAS, currently the NYPA Board of Trustees consists of seven members, none of whom are from Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, Governor David A. Paterson has authorized a transfer of funds, or "sweep," from the New York Power Authority's fund balance to the State general fund totaling \$750 million spanning a period beginning in 2008 and extending into the 2009 fiscal year, including an immediate \$308 million and an additional \$476 million through March 2010, and

WHEREAS, the NYPA fund balance resulted from rates charged by said agency to businesses and customers utilizing hydropower, primarily generated at the Niagara Falls Power Project, and

WHEREAS, the utilization of funds generated by NYPA for State general fund expenditures constitutes a hidden tax on Niagara County customers utilizing NYPA hydropower, and

WHEREAS, on March 5 of this year, Governor Paterson visited Niagara Falls and declared his intentions to lead efforts to "spark an economic resurgence in Upstate New York", and

WHEREAS, it is the hope of this Legislature that the leaders of New York State truly are committed to the recovery of the Upstate economy, and

WHEREAS, relocating NYPA headquarters to Niagara County, collocating it with the site that produces the bulk of its power, would certainly reinforce our State leaders' commitment to revitalizing the upstate economy, now, therefore, be it

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Amendment:

The resolution was amended to delete the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th WHEREAS.

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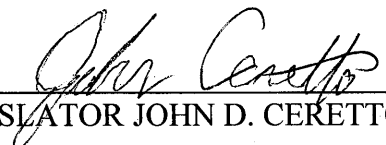
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