

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 95 OF 2021

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS BRAYMER, GERAGHTY, DRISCOLL, CONOVER AND MAGOWAN

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

WHEREAS, under state law, funding for community colleges is to be provided through state aid, a county sponsor contribution and student tuition and fees, and

WHEREAS, the establishment and continued operation of a statewide community college system was based on an ongoing state aid funding commitment of at least one-third, and up to 40 percent, of community college operating costs, and

WHEREAS, the state funding amount has declined over the years and is now below their historic one-third commitment, and far short of 40 percent, and

WHEREAS, for the second year in a row, the Executive State Budget proposes to reduce community college aid, this year by \$11 million, and

WHEREAS, last year the State Budget reduced community college base aid by \$22.7 million, and

WHEREAS, state funding for SUNY Adirondack is projected to be reduced by \$1.75 million, and

WHEREAS, the global pandemic has significantly impacted all institutions of higher learning, and many have lost students because of the shutdown of the traditional learning environment, and

WHEREAS, many community colleges are depending upon their county sponsors and/or students to pay more this academic year, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors calls on the State Legislature to reject the Governor's proposed reduction in community college funding, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Warren County calls upon SUNY to work closely with community colleges to develop innovative solutions to strengthen the community college system to attract and support students

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during these changing social, educational and economic times, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, directed to forward copies of this resolution to each of the counties of New York State, encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors also be, and hereby is, directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Daniel Stec, Assemblyman Matthew Simpson, and any others deemed necessary and proper.