



RESOLUTION NO. 120 INTRODUCED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LUMBERLAND SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING CLASS III GAMING IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature have enacted the Upstate NY Gaming Economic Development Act, which includes an amendment to the New York State Constitution to allow Class III Gaming in New York State and authorizes the development of up to seven casinos; and

WHEREAS, the legislation authorizes the establishment of four destination gaming resorts in three distinct regions (Regions 1, 2 and 5), in Upstate New York, with a maximum of two projects to be located in the Catskills/Hudson Valley region (Region 1); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been recognized as a premiere vacation destination in New York State for generations and has historically served as host to some of the world's most famous destination resorts; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, like the rest of New York State and the Country, has suffered significant negative economic impacts as a result of the recent global economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has sought the legalization of Class III Casino Gaming for more than four decades, and

WHEREAS, gaming, as a single component within a destination resort, will provide the much needed catalyst to stimulate further economic growth in Sullivan County and support of our local community; and

WHEREAS, the development of destination gaming resorts would bring thousands of much needed quality jobs to Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of destination gaming resorts in Sullivan County will provide financial support for education and desperately needed property tax relief for Sullivan County taxpayers and communities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of destination gaming resorts will stop the flow of revenues for tourism and gaming crossing our borders into neighboring states and keep those dollars in New York State; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the people of Sullivan County and the entire State of New York that the referendum appearing on the November, 2013 ballot authorizing Class III Gaming be approved, and

WHEREAS, the benefits associated with the passage of a constitutional amendment authorizing Class III gaming will support job creation throughout New York State, benefitting individuals and families in all areas of New York, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Lumberland and it's residents would benefit greatly from the development of destination resort casinos in Sullivan County through attendant job creation, investment and real estate and commercial development opportunities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lumberland enthusiastically supports the enactment of the constitutional amendment authorizing Class III Gaming in New York State, and asks that all municipalities of New York State join in expressing support for the amendment.

MOTION BY: Councilman Joseph Carr

SECOND BY: Councilman James Akt

VOTE: 4 - 0

Councilman David Leamon was Absent

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LUMBERLAND
VIRGINIA V. HORN, TOWN CLERK
AUGUST 14, 2013