

STATE OF NEW YORK)
TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND) ss.
COUNTY OF ERIE)

To Whom It May Concern:

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island, held on the **Fourth of March, 2013** a Resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
SUPERVISOR: MARY S. COOKE
COUNCILMEMBERS:
RICHARD W. CRAWFORD, GARY G. ROESCH,
RAYMOND A. BILICA, CHRISTOPHER K. ARONICA

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 14, 2013, United States citizens' rights under the second Amendment of our Constitution were infringed upon without due process by the introduction into the NYS Senate and Assembly of The NY Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013, NY SAFE Act, (S2230 and A2388); and

WHEREAS, the thirty-nine page NY SAFE Act was rushed through the Senate and Assembly without a single public hearing or input from the various law enforcement agencies in our State, passed by the Senate on the day it was introduced, passed by the Assembly hours later in the early morning of January 15 and signed into law by the Governor on the same day; and

WHEREAS, State lawmakers had less than one hour to read, review and debate the bill as presented, leaving many unanswered questions about regulations contained in this new law and its implementation; and

WHEREAS, any new state legislation responding to firearm violence should focus on increasing penalties for criminals who use firearms to harm and threaten law abiding citizens and address the issues of mental illness related to violence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island urgently asks Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and Legislative Leaders to suspend The NY SAFE Act as soon as possible, and to consider any future legislation using the proper legal procedure to bring forth a law in a logical manner, focusing on a law that will strengthen public safety and not infringe upon our constitutional rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to: Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Majority Leader of Independent Democratic Caucus Jeff Klein, Honorable Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Speaker of Assembly Sheldon Silver, Honorable Leader of the Assembly Joseph Morelle, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly Brian Kolb, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Legislators.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Crawford, Roesch, Billica, Aronica, Cooke
Noes 0

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Town of Grand Island, Erie County, New York the Sixth of March, 2013.

ATTEST

PATRICIA A. FRENTZEL
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WHEREAS, the land for the West River Parkway was taken by New York State from Grand Island property owners by eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, all structures along the West River, including homes, were demolished or relocated to create an unobstructed view of the Niagara River from the West River Parkway which was built in 1955; and

WHEREAS, New York State promised that the West River Parkway would be maintained in a park like condition, and kept this promise for 30 years with maintenance of the Parkway the responsibility of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); and

WHEREAS, around 1985 the State moved maintenance of West River Parkway from the OPRHP to the Department of Transportation (DOT) without providing the necessary funding or requirement that the Parkway be maintained in a park like condition; and

WHEREAS, tall grass, in some cases exceeding 4 feet, presents a significant health and safety risk; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Town Board supports the attached letter from Senator Mark Grisanti to NYS Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island does hereby request that the New York State Budget include funding to properly maintain the West River Parkway and cut the grass a minimum of 5 times each season.

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WHEREAS, property owners are required by municipal law to control their property and provide routine maintenance as unmaintained and blighted properties are a detriment to the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, due to New York State's struggling financial situation, a financial crises emerged causing some citizens to fall behind on their mortgages, and in many instances, leave or abandon their homes, when mortgage foreclosure plaintiffs commence a foreclosure action; and

WHEREAS, in some instances the foreclosing institution will commence the process but not follow through or will delay taking control of the property, which can cause the property to become vacant, unmaintained and blighted; and

WHEREAS, new legislation has been proposed (A824A) to require that plaintiffs in a mortgage foreclosure action must act in good faith, therefore, they cannot delay in taking action in controlling and providing upkeep on the vacant dwelling itself; and

WHEREAS, further legislation has been proposed (A.88 and S.3655) to obligate plaintiffs in a mortgage foreclosure action to provide contact information of the employee or agent responsible for the maintenance, through a written notice to the municipality in which the foreclosed property is located, as well as to post such information on the vacant dwelling itself thus expediting the process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Grand Island hereby supports the passage of said Bills, and respectfully requests that the State Representatives who represent constituents in the Town of Grand Island support the passage of said Bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to: Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Majority Leader of Independent Democratic Caucus Jeff Klein, Honorable Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Speaker of Assembly Sheldon Silver, Honorable Leader of the Assembly Joseph Morelle, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly Brian Kolb, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Legislators.

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