

Town of Concord

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**To: Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature**

**From: Mary E. Bolt, RMC
Concord Town Clerk**

Subject: Resolution on Library Funding

The Concord Town Board adopted a resolution opposing the cuts in the library funding at their regular meeting held on Thursday, December 9th, 2010. Please forward copies to all of the legislature.

Thank you.

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TOWN OF CONCORD
ERIE COUNTY
SPRINGVILLE, NEW YORK

INTRO NO. 4k
RESOLUTION NO. 28

DATE December 13, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Concord held

at the Town Hall in the Town of Concord on the 9th Day of December 2010, a resolution was adopted of which the following is a true copy:

Councilman Salzler moved the adoption of Resolution 28, seconded by Councilman Salzler:

k) Library Funding Resolution – Councilman Snyder moved the adoption of Resolution , seconded by Councilman Salzler:

WHEREAS, The proposed Erie County Budget for 2011 includes cuts in funding to the Erie County Public Library System, which will negatively impact the Concord Public Library by potentially reducing the number of hours the library would be open to the public, and

WHEREAS, The Concord Public Library provides a valuable service to the residents of the Town of Concord and other surrounding communities by offering all the things a modern library can offer in a well maintained building in the heart of Springville, and

WHEREAS, The type of service that is provided to area taxpayers by the Concord Public Library is not provided anywhere else in close proximity to the Town of Concord or the Village of Springville, there is not public transportation to other local libraries from the Town of Concord and many people cannot afford to travel longer distances for library use, and

WHEREAS, The Concord Public Library is very well utilized by senior citizens often in the morning, by local working patrons during lunch or dinner breaks, by local youth after school, and by families in the evenings, and

WHEREAS, Many patrons use the computers and free internet access offered by the Library to search for jobs, which is a very important service provided by the Concord Public Library, especially during this bad economy, and

WHEREAS, Other important programs offered to the local community by the Concord Public Library, such as adult computer classes, the summer kids program, and pre-school story hour are in jeopardy of being cut, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Concord has recently made significant investments in the building and grounds of the Concord Public Library, including

WHEREAS, The Concord Public Library is already currently open for only 35 hours a week, the minimum number of hours recommended by the New York State Library Charter

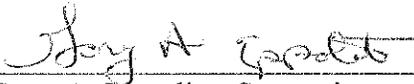
WHEREAS, The Town of Concord Town Board understands that difficult decisions regarding the Erie County budget must be made in light of the difficult economy we are facing, we understand that taxpayers do not want to see taxes rise and want local government to control spending, but believe that there are many other options to achieve these important goals without cutting funding to local libraries, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Concord Town Board understands that the taxpayers in our community pay a significant amount of taxes at the local and county level and receive a few certain basic services in return, one of which is our local library, a cut in funding and hours would hurt local residents in the Town of Concord, Village of Springville, and surrounding communities

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Concord Town Board does NOT support the current cut in funding to the Concord Public Library through the Erie County Public Library System in the proposed 2011 Erie County Budget.

Voting as follows:

Councilwoman King	Aye
Councilman Krezmien	Aye
Councilman Snyder	Aye
Councilman Salzler	Aye
Supervisor Eppolito	Aye



Gary A. Eppolito, Supervisor

Attest:



Mary E. Bolt, Town Clerk