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To Member Counties of the Western Regional Off Track Betting Corporation:

Enclosed for your information please find a certified copy of Resolution No. 55 that was approved by the Oswego County Legislature on April 14, 2011 opposing the proposed consolidation of Off Track Betting by New York State.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy M. Falls".

Wendy M. Falls
Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

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April 14, 2011

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE USURPATION OF THE ASSETS OF THE
WESTERN OFF TRACK BETTING CORPORATION**

By Legislator Milferd Potter:

WHEREAS, In September 1973 western New York counties established, as enabled by New York State law, the Western Regional Off Track Betting Corporation, WROTBC, and

WHEREAS, The county stakeholders established an oversight board represented by each community for local control and authority to regulate and administer gaming in each participating county, and

WHEREAS, Since 1973 additional counties including Oswego County, have joined this regional corporation, funding it in its entirety as a seventeen member county organization, and

WHEREAS, Any gains in asset growth or profit from operations have been the result of the oversight and management by the member counties and their representatives, and any losses in operations were not sustained by New York State or any other entity, and

WHEREAS, Gains realized have been distributed to the contributing member counties for the benefit of all taxpayers who funded the Western Regional Off Track Betting Corporation as owners, and

WHEREAS, The current net equity in 2011 of approximately \$39 million in assets, including branch facilities, racetrack, and gaming casino therefore are the exclusive property of the funding counties on a pro rata basis, and

WHEREAS, New York State government has proposed the taking of WROTBC assets and local control authority by consolidation of all similar off track betting corporations with the WROTBC, which will dilute the authority of the WROTBC board and represent a taking of property developed by the WROTBC with substantial risk unto itself, and significant reinvested monies to insure the financial health and stability of the WROTBC,

WHEREAS, The member counties of WROTBC including Oswego County, oppose the consolidation or other measures that improperly divest the sustaining counties of WROTBC from their assets and control without appropriate recompense, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Oswego County as a member of WROTBC, joins the other member counties in opposition to proposals unfair to the equity positions of the stakeholders by New York State or other entity, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the governance of the WROTBC be administered solely by the invested counties which established the WROTBC and have successfully maintained it, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution will be sent to Governor Cuomo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblymen William Barclay, Ken Blankenbush, Robert Oaks, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, and member counties of WROTBC.

ROLL CALL

YES: 21 NO: 4 ABSENT: 0

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I hereby certify that this copy of Resolution #55 of 2011 is true and accurate.

Dated: 4/18/2011

Wendy M. Falls
Wendy M. Falls, Deputy Clerk
Oswego County Legislature