

**Resolution No. 341**

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION URGING PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL S.5889-B AND ASSEMBLY BILL  
A.8644 THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT A MULTI-YEAR STATE TAKEOVER OF THE  
LOCAL SHARE OF MEDICAID

WHEREAS, when State lawmakers, including Senator Farley and Assemblyman Butler, enacted a property tax cap, they pledged to also enact mandate relief that would enable and empower local leaders to implement that tax cap, but that mandate relief has not materialized; and

WHEREAS, at a local state-wide cost of \$7.3 billion, Medicaid is the number one mandate facing counties; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County property taxpayers pay approximately \$13.4 million in State Medicaid costs in 2011; and

WHEREAS, if a state takeover of Medicaid is enacted, County property taxes could be reduced by over 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S.5889-B/Assembly Bill A.8644 would require State legislators to take full fiscal responsibility for New York's largest in the nation Medicaid program, by implementing an eight (8) year gradual takeover of county Medicaid costs; and

WHEREAS, state lawmakers can fund the takeover with a combination of Medicaid program reforms, state-derived savings and other spending controls, including applying the State's Medicaid Redesign Team reform savings to mandate relief and pursuing a federal Medicaid waiver to leverage state cost-containment initiatives that can be applied to obtain property tax relief; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Supervisors hereby calls on State lawmakers to keep their promise, by enacting Senate Bill S.5889-B/Assembly Bill A.8644 into law to provide property tax relief for citizens of New York State, in the form of an eight-year State takeover of county Medicaid costs; and, be it further

**Resolution No. 341 (continued)**

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Hugh Farley, Assemblyman Marc Butler, All NYS Counties, Fulton County Chamber of Commerce, NYS Farm Bureau, NYSAC, NYS Association of Towns, Adirondack InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by the WHOLE BOARD and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 16    Nays: 0    Absent: 4 (Supervisors Capek, Gendron, Kinowski and Waldron)

*STATE OF NEW YORK }  
COUNTY OF FULTON } ss:*

I, Jon R. Stead, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, at a duly called and held meeting of said Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER 2011, and the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER 2011

  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County