

**Resolution No. 165**

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DECLARING "MAYDAY FOR MANDATE RELIEF" AND URGING  
THE STATE TO ADOPT LAWS THAT PROHIBIT UNFUNDED MANDATES  
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, Counties are mandated to administer and finance dozens of state and federal programs; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County's fiscal challenges are a direct result of state-imposed mandates and reduced state reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has identified 9 state mandates that consume 90 percent of all county property taxes across the state (outside of New York City), representing over \$4 billion in county property taxes levied as follows:

1. Medicaid
2. Public Assistance/Safety Net
3. Child Welfare and Preventive Care
4. Special Education Pre-School
5. Early Intervention
6. Probation
7. Indigent Defense
8. Youth Detention
9. Pensions

and;

WHEREAS, these mandated and fixed employee costs can consume more than 80 percent of a county's total budget, leaving fewer dollars for local programs and services; and

WHEREAS, these State mandates are the root cause of high county property taxes in Fulton County; now, therefore be it

**Resolution No. 165 (continued)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares the month of May 2013 to be "Mayday for Mandate Relief" to raise awareness that decisions made in Albany have a direct impact on the property tax levy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors is calling upon State Lawmakers to enact legislation preventing future unfunded mandates without corresponding state aid to pay for them; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Co-Leader Skelos, Senate Majority Co-Leader Klein, Assembly Speaker Silver, Senator Farley, Assemblyman Butler, NYS Association of Counties, All New York State Counties, Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board, and to each and every other person, institution or agency who will further the purport of this Resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor PONTICELLO and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 19 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Supervisor Johnson)

*STATE OF NEW YORK }  
COUNTY OF FULTON } <sup>NY</sup>*

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of MAY 2013, and the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of MAY 2013

  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County