



# Association of Erie County Governments

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## CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

At our monthly meeting of the Association of Erie County Governments held in the City of Tonawanda on September 26, 2013 the following resolution was moved by Trustee Sam Muscarella-Village of Kenmore and seconded by Supervisor Leonard Pero-Town of Brant and unanimously approved by all,

**Whereas,** the Association of Erie County Governments Commends and Applauds the New York State Legislature for unanimously passing into law the removal of the 4% Local Sales and Use tax on the purchase and installations of Commercial Solar Equipment effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

**Whereas,** the Association of Erie County Governments with the New York State Legislature recognizes that this is another building block to help spur Commercial growth as well as create Green Jobs and combat Global Warming.

**Whereas,** In this law NYS left a provision in which Counties and Cities may also choose to remove their portion of the Sales Tax and as it stands 5 counties other than Erie County have chosen to do so, Erie County presently collects the highest sales tax in the State which is 4 ¾ %.

**Further be it known:** that the Town of Brant and the Brant/ Evans Friends and Neighbors Advocating Better Green Living (F.N.A.B.G.L.) advocate removal of sales & use tax and also spearheaded a similar Sales tax removal on Residential Solar Systems back in 2008. The Effect of this removal on residential systems has made Erie County one of the highest Solar Producing Counties in the State of New York.

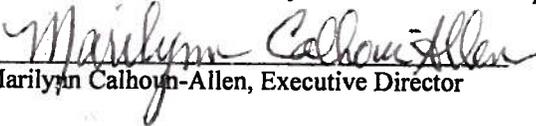
**Whereas,** the Association of Erie County Governments agrees with NYS that this removal of Sales Tax on the purchase and installation of Commercial Solar equipment will further spur growth and create jobs as well as help the Environment in Erie County.

**Therefore be it resolved:** that the Association of Erie County Governments hereby petitions the County of Erie to remove their portion of the Local Sales and Use Tax on the purchase and Installation of Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Equipment, as they did in 2008 with the removal of the sales and use tax on Residential Systems.

**Resolved,** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislators

I, Marilyn Calhoun-Allen, Executive Director of the Association of Erie County Governments, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true transcript of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Associations of Erie County Governments, as held in the City of Tonawanda on September 26, 2013 and that said meeting was duly called and duly constituted and that a quorum was present.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Association of Erie County Governments this September 27, 2013

  
Marilyn Calhoun-Allen, Executive Director

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