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TOWN OF CONCORD
ERIE COUNTY
SPRINGVILLE, NEW YORK

INTRO NO. 4(b)
RESOLUTION NO. 14

DATE: October 8, 2015

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Concord held at the Town Hall in the Town of Concord on the 8th day of October, 2015, a Resolution was adopted of which the following is a true copy.

Councilman Salzler moved the adoption of Resolution 14, seconded by Councilman Krezmien:

WHEREAS, on December 30, 1977, the County of Erie, the City of Buffalo, the City of Lackawanna and the City of Tonawanda entered into an Agreement in regard to the sales tax revenues distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provided a disposition of 25.6858 percent to the cities and the areas outside the cities in proportion to their respective populations as determined in accordance with the latest decennial federal census; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provided an additional disposition of 10.0087 percent to the cities, but no additional disposition to the areas outside of the cities; and

WHEREAS, having not been updated for almost four decades, this formula now results in the cities in Erie County receiving more than twice as much sales tax revenue as the towns of Erie County on a per capita basis; and

WHEREAS, the largest component of property taxes are school district taxes; and

WHEREAS, the combination of the property tax cap and state mandates have lead to services and programs being cut by both towns and school districts; and

WHEREAS, a more equitable formula would allow towns and school districts to reduce property taxes and to increase services and programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Agreement dated December 30, 1977, provides that any time subsequent to November 30, 1982, each party to the agreement shall have the right to terminate said Agreement by giving one (1) year's prior written notice, served upon each of the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Concord supports the terminating of the current 1977 Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Concord further supports that a new formula for sales tax revenue distribution be put into place, which provides for a more fair and equitable distribution of sales tax to the cities and the areas outside the cities in proportion to their respective populations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Concord further supports that any new formula for sales tax revenue distribution provides additional funds to school districts in order to allow school districts to provide more opportunities for their students and to reduce property taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the Erie County Legislature, the Erie County Executive, the Town Supervisors and Village Mayors of Erie County.

Voting as follows:

Councilman Drake	Aye
Councilwoman King	Excused
Councilman Krezmien	Aye
Councilman Salzler	Aye
Supervisor Eppolito	Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Gary A. Eppolito

Gary A. Eppolito, Supervisor

Attest: Darlene G. Schweikert

Darlene G. Schweikert, Town Clerk