

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS MILLS, LORIGO, DIXON, RATH, HARDWICK, AND MORTON**

**Re: Support for Conversion of Toll Plazas into Electronic Tolls**

**WHEREAS**, cities and states across our country, including the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Massachusetts Turnpike, which is the stretch of the I-90 running through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, are converting what is left of their toll roads from the traditional tolling plazas to all electronic tolls; and

**WHEREAS**, the current toll plazas slow traffic as the toll operators collect money from travelers utilizing the New York State thruway system, leading to localized pollution issues, and an increase in costs due to transportation delays and staffing issues; and

**WHEREAS**, electronic tolls would increase traffic flow by diminishing bottlenecks at the toll collection plazas; and

**WHEREAS**, the State would still be able to collect tolling funding through EZ-Pass tags to further reduce the hassle associated with tolling plazas; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Thruway Authority needs to follow the trend towards technological efficiency and remove the antiquated tolling plazas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body goes on record supporting the effort to convert standing toll plazas into electronic tolls to increase traffic flows, as well as abating pollution and wasteful government spending; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York delegations to the New York State Senate and Assembly, Governor Andrew Cuomo's office, the office of the Director of the New York State Department of Transportation, and any party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for Resolution