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**Village of Springville NY
 Resolution Requesting Improvements to NYS Tax Cap**

Whereas, the Association of Towns of the State of New York has made Property Tax Cap Reform a legislative priority for 2016; **and**

Whereas, the New York Conference of Mayors has recommended that the New York State Cap Tax be improved in 2016; **and**

Whereas, the property tax cap was extended until June 15, 2020 with modification to the manner in which PILOT properties are treated when determining a local government's tax cap formula; **and**

Whereas, Erie County towns and villages responsibly manage their finances, with the majority of Erie County towns and villages levying at or below the allowable limit, despite limited revenue sources, stagnant state/federal aid and increasing expenses; **and**

Whereas, New York State governs the manner in which Erie County towns and villages raise revenue; **and**

Whereas, New York State has primarily provided real property tax relief through ad hoc property tax exemptions over comprehensive property tax reform, resulting in a tax shift rather than a tax reduction, as well as additional administrative and litigation costs; **and**

Whereas, the tax cap has slowed the growth in Erie County property tax levies, but encouraged budget-balancing maneuvers, reduced fiscally prudent fund balances, cut municipal workforce with accompanying service, maximized restructuring and shared services agreements, and postponed key public infrastructure investment; **and**

Whereas, the quality of life in Erie County towns and villages is threatened by the lack of investment to improve and mitigate problems in roads, bridges, water, and sewer systems; **Now Therefore Be It**

Resolved, that the tax cap should not be one tied to inflation but one with a 1.5% floor; or that New York State should implement a Tax Cap Equalization Aid program that would provide aid in the amount equal to the difference between what the municipality property tax levy would be under a 2% cap and what it actually is under the tax cap CPI calculation; **and Be It Further**

Resolved, that Exemptions to the Tax Cap should include capital projects and infrastructure improvements in utilities, transportation and communications, costs associated with compliance orders, and structured costs such as pension contributions, and emergency services.

Adopted March 7, 2016 by the Board of Trustees

William Krebs
William Krebs, Mayor