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SARDINIA TOWN BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSES “SAVE OUR SKYWAY” RESOLUTION

Sardinia is the second Erie County town to approve a resolution similar to one that passed in Hamburg affirming public support to “Save Our Skyway”

(Sardinia) – The Sardinia Town Board unanimously passed a resolution in favor of “Saving Our Skyway,” becoming the second Erie County town to do so. The resolution was proposed by Sardinia Supervisor Beverly Gambino. It was approved by Gambino and Sardinia Councilmembers Mike Domster, Lenard Hochadel, Matt Krist, and John Marsh. The unanimous vote took place at their Town Board meeting on Thursday, June 10th, 2021.

Erie County Comptroller Stefan I. Mychajliw sent letters to Supervisor Gambino and members of the Sardinia Town Board to approve this resolution. At their public board meeting Comptroller Mychajliw respectfully requested that the Sardinia Board to immediately pass their “Save Our Skyway” resolution.

The Hamburg Town Board unanimously passed a resolution at their public meeting on Monday, June 7th, 2021. It was proposed by Hamburg Board member Beth Farrell and approved by Hamburg Supervisor James M. Shaw and fellow board members Shawn Connolly, Karen Hoak and Mike Petrie.

That resolution stated that *“the Hamburg Town Board affirms the Skyway Bridge as essential to the community for commerce, revitalization, access to employment, public safety, and efficient travel to points north, and opposes its removal or restrictions to vehicle use.”*

Hamburg Supervisor Shaw also proposed an amendment, which passed, sending certified copies of the resolution to many towns in Southern Erie County asking them to pass a similar measure in support of keeping and maintaining the Skyway. In an email to the Office of Erie County Comptroller, Hamburg Town Supervisor James M. Shaw was thankful to hear the Sardinia Town Board passed a similar resolution. “That’s great news,” said Supervisor Shaw.

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"Monday (June 10th) was a great day for the residents of Hamburg, thanks to the unanimous passing of our resolution opposing the Skyway removal. With Hamburg leading the charge, I'm hopeful other communities will join us in making their concerns heard. Our community works best when we all work together," said Town of Hamburg Councilman Shawn Connolly.

Marilla Supervisor Earl "Skip" Gingerich and Marilla Town Board member Brian Nolan committed to passing a similar "Save Our Skyway" resolution at their next public meeting.

"The Hamburg taxpayers we serve want us to roll up our sleeves, work hard and fight for their interests. We heard them loud and clear. Momentum is growing across Erie County to preserve the Skyway," said Hamburg Councilman Petrie.

"I'm proud of how we worked together to pass the first resolution in support of the Skyway. Support from other towns is critical to put an end to the misguided plan to remove the Skyway," said Hamburg Councilwoman Farrell.

"Strength in numbers. We need as many towns as possible to pass a resolution to 'Save Our Skyway.' I am grateful for Sardinia Supervisor Beverly Gambino and the Sardinia Town Board for their support. This is what leaders do. Bring people together. Put political differences aside and work together to benefit taxpayers," said Comptroller Mychajliw.

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