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**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED  
BY LEGISLATORS GRANT, MAZUR, HOGUES,  
MARINELLI, LOUGHRAN & McCracken**

**RE: Opposing the Addition of a 63<sup>rd</sup> Senate Seat to the New York State Senate**

WHEREAS, recent media reports have drawn attention to a proposal by New York State Senate Republicans to add a 63<sup>rd</sup> Senate seat; and

WHEREAS, Senator Michael Nozzolio, R-Fayette, Co-Chair of the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment, has defended this proposal due to a 500,000 person increase in the state's population since the redrawing of district lines in 2002; and

WHEREAS, at the federal level, New York State will lose two congressional seats – dropping from 29 to 27 – as a consequence of the state's population growth being far below that of other states; and

WHEREAS, the state's somewhat anemic growth in population should not serve as an excuse to increase the size of government – particularly at the policymaking level of the New York State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, there does not appear to be a huge outcry from the public demanding the addition of a New York State senate seat, yet the chorus supporting smaller government grows more vocal with each passing year; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature undertook not one, but two, downsizing efforts during the last decade, and successfully implemented both – a downsizing from 17 seats to 15 seats in 2002, and again a downsizing from 15 seats to 11 seats effective 2012; and

WHEREAS, it would be fitting for New York State to consider the downsizing efforts at both the county and federal levels as a lesson in 21<sup>st</sup> century civics and the direction the taxpaying public wants government to head in for the foreseeable future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body stand in strong opposition to the creation of an additional seat in the New York State Legislature, to wit, the proposed 63<sup>rd</sup> seat in the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be conveyed to the Governor, the Majority Leader of the New York Senate and the Speaker of the New York State Assembly.

**FISCAL IMPACT: Positive for the taxpayers of New York State.**