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Sullivan County, New York

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To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed the Town of Cochecton Resolution # 20 in support of Class III Gaming in Sullivan County for your consideration.

This Resolution was passed at the March 12, 2014 Town Board meeting.

Very truly yours,

Hollye Schulman
Town Clerk
RESOLUTION # 20
CLASS III GAMING CASINO

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, the exceptional efforts of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature
brought about the enactment of the Upstate NY Gaming Economic Development Act, which included an
amendment to the New York State Constitution to allow Class III Gaming in New York State,
WHEREAS New York State will now develop up to four casinos in upstate New York; and
WHEREAS, on November 5, 2013, the voters of the State of New York voted for and supported the
enactment of the constitutional amendment authorizing Class III Gaming in New York State,
WHEREAS on November 5, 2013, the voters of Sullivan County provided the largest plurality of votes for
such enactment of the constitutional amendment authorizing Class III Gaming in New York State,
WHEREAS, the passage of said constitutional amendment and the concurrent legislation authorized the
establishment of four destination gaming resorts in three distinct regions (Regions 1, 2 and 5), in Upstate
New York, with a maximum of two projects to be located in any one Region
WHEREAS, Sullivan County is located in the Catskill/Hudson Valley Region 1, and
WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been recognized as the premiere vacation
destination in New York State for generations and has historically served as host to
some of the world’s most famous destination resorts; and
WHEREAS, Sullivan County was home to multiple destination resorts which contained thousands of hotel
rooms and accompanying amenities such as retail, entertainment, and sports attractions.
WHEREAS the local infrastructure of Sullivan County was always sufficiently able to handle all economic,
social and environmental direct and indirect impacts of the many destination resorts; visiting tourists, and
the employees who worked in these facilities; and
WHEREAS, Sullivan County’s tourist economy was one of the cornerstones of vibrant, middle class that
comprised many of its towns, villages, and hamlets;
WHEREAS, Sullivan County, has experienced a significant downturn in its tourist economy over the last
half century and stands now as one of the most economically challenged areas in New York State;
WHEREAS Sullivan County’s working class and small businesses, as well as tax ratables, have
significantly suffered from this downturn;
WHEREAS, Sullivan County ranked last in New York State in year 2013 job creation and was the only
area in the Hudson Valley that experienced a year-over-year decrease in private-sector employment,
according to Johnny Nelson, labor market analyst for the state, and
WHEREAS, Sullivan County, through its local and state officials and local business community has
historically sought the legalization of Class III Casino Gaming for more than four decades, and
WHEREAS, gaming, as a single component within a destination resort, will provide the much needed
catalyst to stimulate further economic growth in Sullivan County; and
WHEREAS the current proposals in Sullivan County are for sustainable resort destinations that will
comply with New York State’s environmental regulations to mitigate all environmental impacts, and
WHEREAS, the development of destination gaming resorts and the siting of TWO Casino Gaming
Destination Resorts would bring thousands of much needed quality jobs and economic growth to Sullivan
County that now already exists in neighboring counties that are in the Catskill Region I; and
WHEREAS, the establishment of destination resorts in Sullivan County
will provide financial support for education and desperately needed property tax
relief for Sullivan County taxpayers and communities statewide; and
WHEREAS, the establishment of destination resorts will stop the flow of
revenues for tourism and gaming crossing our borders into neighboring states and
keep those dollars in Sullivan County and New York State; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Sullivan County enthusiastically
supports the siting of TWO Class III Gaming Destination Resorts in Sullivan County to meet the intent and
language of the constitutional amendment authorizing Class III Gaming in New York State.

ADOPTED: AYES: 3  NAYS: 1  Councilperson Richardson, and Councilperson Story absent

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Grund and Nearing

I, Hollye Schulman, Clerk, certify the above resolution is true and
accurate as passed by the Town Board
3/12/14