

RESOLUTION NO. 2014328

RE: REQUESTING HOME RULE LEGISLATION IN THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL THE MTA PAYROLL TAX

Legislators BORCHERT, FLESLAND, BOLNER KELSEY, ROMAN, SURMAN, INCORONATO, JOHNSON, and MacAVERY offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, Dutchess County was designated by state statute to be part of the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District, which funds and provides for mass transportation services in the New York City metropolitan region through the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA); and

WHEREAS, since its enactment in 2009, the MTA payroll tax has imposed a serious financial burden on businesses and employers in the commuter region and, in particular, Dutchess County Government and Dutchess County corporations, private and independently owned companies, not-for-profit agencies, hospitals, school districts, and Dutchess County taxpayers, have suffered the burden of a 34 cents on every \$100.00 of payroll and a .34% tax on net-earnings exceeding \$10,000.00 annually for self-employed Dutchess County residents; and

WHEREAS, the MTA payroll tax has cost Dutchess County Government almost \$2 million since its creation and it is anticipated to cost the County an additional \$370,166 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, this anti-job creation payroll tax has had a crippling effect on residents within the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District, particularly Dutchess County's small business owners and taxpayers; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Dutchess County hereby requests the New York State Legislature and Governor adopt legislation which will repeal the MTA payroll tax immediately, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that should the state be unwilling to repeal the MTA payroll tax for the entire state or region that it at least do so for the County of Dutchess; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature forward a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senators Terry Gipson and Greg Ball, Assembly Members Frank Skartados, Didi Barrett, Kevin Cahill, Kieran Lalor and Steve Katz requesting state legislation which will repeal the MTA payroll tax.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 4th day of December 2014, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 4th day of December 2014.

CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE