

# TOWN OF DELHI

## RESOLUTION 13 OF 2010

### TITLE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PERMANENTLY ENDING NEW AND EXISTING UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND ENDING STATE BUDGET ACTIONS THAT SIMPLY SHIFT COSTS FROM THE STATE TO LOCAL TAXPAYERS

**WHEREAS**, counties in New York have long served as the principal partner in administering the state's most critical programs in areas such as health, human services and public protection; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of administering these programs, the state mandates the delivery of state programs using local resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in some counties, more than 80 percent of their entire budget goes toward funding state mandated programs and fixed costs; and

**WHEREAS**, these state mandates are the root cause of high property and sales taxes at the county level and have led to a decline in county services; and

**WHEREAS**, this high level of state imposed mandates continues to put New York at the top of lists of states with the highest local tax burden for residents and businesses in the country, severely damaging New York's ability to attract, create and maintain good paying jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, as the state continues to face growing annual budget deficits, successive state legislatures and governors continue to shift costs to local governments as a means of balancing the state budget while mandating that local governments continue to operate and finance an increasing share of these programs as the state's share decreases; and

**WHEREAS**, these state imposed mandates reach far beyond just forcing local governments to fund and administer state services locally, but are woven into the basic structure of local government day-to-day operations by imposing strict state laws that set the rules for purchasing basic supplies, building and financing public assets of any kind, how local government worker's salaries and benefits are negotiated and set, all with little regard for local economic conditions and ability to pay, or how that impacts our economic competitiveness with other states; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Delaware County Board of Supervisors calls on the governor and the state legislature to end the imposition of new unfunded state mandates on county governments and phase out or reform existing unfunded mandates; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors calls on the governor and the state legislature to repeal the WICK's law for all local governments, not just school districts and reevaluate restrictions and excessive cost drivers imposed on local governments under the Taylor Law and Triborough Amendment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor David A. Paterson, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Motion made by Michele DeFreece and seconded by Maagie Reinman

Voting: Margaret Reinmann yes  
Michele DeFreece yes  
James Bracci yes  
Allan Reed yes  
Peter J. Bracci yes

Date: November 15, 2010