

*Editor's Note: The Otsego County Board of Representatives this morning passed this resolution encouraging Governor Cuomo to reopen the economy. After lively debated, the parts that are boldfaced and underlined were removed, and the measure passed 13-1*

RESOLUTION NO. 176-20200506

RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING A REGIONAL REOPENING OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, MCCARTY, FRAZIER, MARTINI

WHEREAS, New York State is in the midst of an outbreak of COVID-19 and Governor Cuomo has issued Executive Orders requiring that many businesses shut down partially or completely all across the state; and

WHEREAS, this shutdown in the interests of public health has both helped to bring down the infection rate but also unfortunately has resulted in severe economic impacts including to many Otsego County residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS, although we mourn the loss of our residents who have died of COVID-19 and those who are ill are constantly on our minds as we wish them a speedy recovery, Otsego County and surrounding counties in our region have not experienced the same level of illness and death that other regions of the state have sadly had to contend with; and**

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo extended these executive orders until May 15, 2020 and recently indicated that the state would reopen some businesses on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important that Otsego County and others in our 32 region reopen safely **and soon** so our economy can begin to recover; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Representatives supports the Governor's plan to reopen the economy regionally; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives urges that such reopening take place safely and as soon as possible, **and that the region encompassing Otsego County be designated as one of the initial regions to reopen businesses** so that Otsego County businesses and residents can get back to work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall send a copy of this resolution to Governor Cuomo and the members of the assembly and state senate representing Otsego County.