

By: Economic Development and Planning and County Administration Committees and Hon. Jason T. Garnar

Seconded by:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE BROOME COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATIONS FOR THE BROOME COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Section C203, subsection (l) of the Broome County Charter provides that the Broome County Legislature shall have the power to make such studies and investigations as it deems to be in the best interests of the county and to appoint temporary advisory boards, and

WHEREAS, the Broome County Legislature recognizes that high energy costs are taxing the budget and damaging the local economy, and

WHEREAS, there is no county-wide structure in place to devise potential solutions, solicit input, and advise County officials on how to best deal with these problems, and

WHEREAS, the Broome County Chamber of Commerce, representing over 600 businesses across the county, has officially endorsed the creation of an Energy Advisory Board, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that for these reasons, this Legislature creates a Broome County Energy Advisory Board (BCEAB), to last through the end of 2008, to be responsible for providing short-term and long-term energy policy recommendations to the Broome County Legislature and the County Executive, and be it

FURTHUR RESOLVED, that the BCEAB shall consist of representatives from Broome County to be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature's Economic Development and Planning Committee and confirmed by a simple majority of the County Legislature to serve a one (1) year term, and be it

FURTHUR RESOLVED, that the BCEAB shall meet once (1) a month to discuss the following specific duties:

- (a) Advise the Legislature and the County Executive on energy production, consumption, and distribution as related to Broome County and specifically advise them in establishing and supporting a comprehensive set of energy policies which reduce the rate of increase of energy consumption in Broome County while maintaining the quality of life.
- (b) Advise the Legislature and the County Executive in establishing a comprehensive set of energy policies to support and promote future non-traditional energy production and to plan for development of needed levels of traditional energy in Broome County while maintaining the quality of life.
- (c) Recommend work programs to the Legislature and the County Executive within the appropriate County departments and agencies that will maximize energy conservation.
- (d) Advise the Legislature and the County Executive as to support of federal and state legislation designed to reduce energy consumption and/or affect energy utilization in the County.
- (e) Provide information to the Legislature and the County Executive on energy programs beneficial to the County's residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation users.
- (f) Advise the Legislature and the County Executive on specific areas of cooperation with various public and private agencies and organizations to plan and implement effective energy conservation methods in this county.
- (g) Work with the County to maintain an online presence within the County website to inform the public of meetings, share energy information, and to provide contact information.

and be it

FURTHUR RESOLVED, that Board meetings will be open to the public who are encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting agenda with the approval of the BCEAB current president, and be it

FURTHUR RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective immediately.