

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Requesting the Introduction of Legislation Before the New York State Legislature
to Amend the Public Officers Law in Relation to the Residency Requirement
for Appointed Public Officers in Jefferson County.

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, New York State Public Officers Law §3 provides that as a qualification for holding public office all persons must be a resident of the political subdivision for which he or she may serve, and

Whereas, The New York State Legislature has frequently amended §3 of Public Officers Law at the request of specific political subdivisions to provide a variety of exemptions for those political subdivisions from the general rule that all public officers must reside in the political subdivision in which they serve, and

Whereas, The current economic and labor market conditions in Northern New State result in a smaller and more competitive pool of candidates for many of the managerial positions County government seeks to fill, resulting the attendant difficulty of finding qualified candidates, and

Whereas, The ability to canvas a larger geographic area for candidates and permit such candidates to avoid the cost of relocation and disruption to their personal lives being significant factor in recruitment, it is determined that allowing the residency of appointed public officials to be expanded to counties contiguous to Jefferson County is in the best interest of the County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators respectfully requests, through its local representatives to the New York State Assembly and Senate, that the New York State Legislature introduce and enact an amendment to §3 of the Public Officers Law, permitting all appointed public officers of Jefferson County to be permitted to reside in Jefferson County or a County adjoining Jefferson, and it is further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the offices of Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush, and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
County of Jefferson) ss.:

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No. _____ of the Board of Legislators of said County of Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a meeting of said Board on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and that the same is a true and correct copy of such Resolution and the whole thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators