

**RESOLUTION NO. 450**

**REQUESTING THE NYS LEGISLATURE TO ENACT AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAX LAW TO AUTHORIZE ALBANY COUNTY TO INCREASE THE SALES AND USE TAX IN ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 11/8/10

By Messrs. McCoy, Commisso, Morse and Ward:

WHEREAS, Albany County is facing the most difficult fiscal situation in recent history and requires the assistance of the representatives in the New York State Legislature, and

WHEREAS, An increase of the 1% sales and compensating use taxes pursuant to Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York to 1.5% is essential to raise additional revenue to meet the costs of mandated programs and assist Albany County to continue providing vital services, and

WHEREAS, The requested increase in the sales and compensating use taxes must be authorized by the State Legislature, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution and Section 2 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, that the County Legislature hereby requests the enactment of legislation by the Legislature of the State of New York to authorize Albany County to increase of the 1% sales and compensating use taxes pursuant to Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York to 1.5%, the additional .5% to be fully retained by Albany County to allow the County to continue providing vital services, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate State and County Officials.

*Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 11/8/10*