RESOLUTION NO. 172

TEMPORARILY ELIMINATING ALBANY COUNTY'S SALES TAX ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FROM JULY 4, 2006 TO LABOR DAY 2006

Introduced: 5/8/06 By Mss. Benedict, Comella, Prentiss and Mr. Melchionni:

WHEREAS, The current price of gasoline is \$3.00 per gallon, and

WHEREAS, The price has recently increased approximately 31% in just over a couple months, and

WHEREAS, The Federal Energy Information Administration estimates gas prices will continue to rise this summer and may reach \$4.00 per gallon of regular unleaded gasoline, and

WHEREAS, The high gas prices in Albany County are hurting the hard working families and businesses in our County, and

WHEREAS, The high price of gasoline will increase the cost of commuting and travel for Albany County residents, and

WHEREAS, Temporarily eliminating the County sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel will help residents of our County and also businesses such as commercial trucking organizations, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature temporarily eliminate its portion of the sales tax collected on gasoline and diesel fuel from July 4, 2006 through Labor Day in the year 2006, and, be it further

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

Resolution was withdrawn by sponsors. 5/8/06