

RESOLUTION NO. 129

URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SENATE BILL NO. 1378/ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2571 REVISING THE LEGAL DEFINITION OF THE ERIE CANAL TO INCLUDE THE HISTORIC EASTERN AND WESTERN END POINTS OF ALBANY AND BUFFALO

Introduced: 4/10/06

By Ms. Willingham, Messrs. Aidala, Aylward, Beston, Clay, Collins, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cunningham, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Gordon, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Messercola, Monjeau, Morse, Nichols, Reilly, Riddick, Shafer, Steck, Ward and Ms. Wiley:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature requests the New York State Legislature to enact Senate Bill No. 1378/Assembly Bill No. 2571 revising the legal definition of the Erie Canal to include the historic eastern and western end points of Albany and Buffalo respectively, and

WHEREAS, The legislation would amend the canal law extending the boundaries of the Erie Canal to include the portion of the canal system connecting the Hudson River at Lock Number 1 in Albany with the Niagara River at Buffalo, instead of Waterford as the eastern terminus and Tonawanda as the western terminus, and

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation also would amend the State Finance Law and the Public Authorities Law to incorporate the revised definition regarding the canal recreation way commission and the New York State canal system development fund, and

WHEREAS, The revisions would make Albany and Buffalo eligible for some of the hundreds of millions of dollars available through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Renewal for revitalization and redevelopment programs targeting the Erie Canal and ensure that the true eastern and western ends of the Erie Canal system would not be left out of efforts to improve it, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature urges the New York State Legislature to enact Senate Bill No. 1378/Assembly Bill No. 2571 to revise the legal definition of the Erie Canal to include the historic eastern and western end points of Albany and Buffalo, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Albany County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblymen Ronald Canestrari, John McEneny, Robert Reilly and Pat Casale and to the appropriate County Officials.

*Adopted by unanimous vote. 4/10/06
Mr. Frederick abstained.*