

**TOWN OF DELHI
RESOLUTION #15 OF 2010**

TITLE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MORE TIMELY STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES FOR STATE MANDATED AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNTIES ON BEHALF OF THE STATE AND TO ESTABLISH INTEREST PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES IN THE EVENT OF A LATE STATE BUDGET

WHEREAS, counties administer and fund a broad array of programs for the state; and

WHEREAS, many of the services delivered locally and funded with local tax dollars are mandated by the legislature under state law; and

WHEREAS, counties provide these state services with the understanding that timely reimbursement will be forthcoming so as to not unfairly burden local property tax payers with excessive financing costs to support delayed or late state reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, counties wait many months, sometimes exceeding a year for regular reimbursement from the state for what are often services mandated by the state; and

WHEREAS, chronically tardy state budgets can significantly expand these reimbursement waiting periods to the point where funds owed to counties by the state can exceed 10 percent of a county's entire annual budget, forcing unscheduled short term borrowing, or the spending of reserves, which can be expensive and damage local government debt ratings, further straining local tax payers; and

WHEREAS, counties struggle during normal economic times to act as a "short term lender" to the state with no compensation for these reimbursement delays, it is absolutely untenable in a difficult economic climate such as today.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delhi Town Board calls upon the governor, the state legislature and state agencies to minimize the delay in regular reimbursements to counties, establish state budget reforms that ensure enactment of a timely state budget and also implement procedures that requires state to pay interest to counties for all delayed state reimbursement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Delhi Town Board forward copies of this Resolution to Governor David A. Paterson, the NYS Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Motion made by _____ and seconded by _____

Voting: Margaret Reinmann _____
Michele DeFreece _____
James Bracci _____
Allan Reed _____
Peter J. Bracci _____

Date: November 15, 2010