

APPENDIX 6

ULSTER AND DELAWARE COUNTY

PROJECT SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 74

**TITLE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE BELLEAYRE RESORT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors is committed to, and strongly supports, economic development and the tourism industry in Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Ventures LLC will invest over \$400 million in the development of the Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park, providing visitors to this region with a variety of year-round outdoor recreation and lodging opportunities, and will compliment and enhance Delaware County's efforts to promote the region as a tourism destination; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County continues to suffer from the loss of jobs, reduced household income and negative growth in sales tax revenues resulting from the global economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County has seen a continued migration of jobs outside the county and a population decline of over 5 percent since the 2000 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Belleayre Resort project will result in the creation of 541 full-time and 230-part-time jobs, will provide direct and indirect wages of approximately \$47 million annually and contribute over \$167 million annually to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2007, Crossroads Ventures, LLC reached an agreement with New York State, the City of New York and seven national and regional environmental groups regarding a scaled-back version of the Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park project; and

WHEREAS, the agreement in principle has dramatically reduced the scale and scope of the project and provides for 1,200 acres of land to be incorporated into the Catskill Park as forever wild while simultaneously increasing project costs by over \$150 million, and has been lauded by all parties to the agreement as an illustration that environmental protection and sustainable economic development can go hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, the Belleayre Resort project will be a tourism destination and anchor to encourage the development of new businesses while supporting existing businesses throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Belleayre Resort will benefit residents and taxpayers living and working in Delaware County through the provision of new job opportunities, over \$650,000 annually in local property taxes and millions of dollars annually in new sales tax revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its support for the development and construction of the Belleayre Resort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors is committed to working with Crossroads Ventures, LLC and offering any appropriate assistance to acquire permits, licenses and/or easements to assure the development of the resort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ulster County Legislature, Governor Patterson, Senator John Bonacic, and NYS Assemblymen Clifford W. Crouch and Kevin Cahill.

State of New York
County of Delaware

I, Christa M. Schafer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Delaware County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on the 14th day of April 2010 and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board at Delhi, New York, this 14th day of April 2010.


Clerk, Delaware County Board of Supervisors

Encouraging And Supporting The Construction Of Belleayre Resort To Be Managed By Crossroads Ventures, LLC – Supporting Economic Development And The Tourism Industry In Ulster County

Legislator Peter Loughran and Co-Sponsors: The Economic Development and Tourism Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Frey, Hayes, Petit, Sweeney, Terrizzi, Donaldson, Loughran and Rodriguez) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is committed to, and strongly supports, economic development and the tourism industry, and

WHEREAS, we in Ulster County Government have spent approximately \$3,033,448 of taxpayers money over the past 10 years to improve and encourage economic development, and

WHEREAS, we in Ulster County Government have spent approximately \$6,589,725 in taxpayers money over the past 10 years to improve and encourage tourism, and

WHEREAS, locally and nationally the economy has spiraled down, creating a major loss of jobs and a reduction of household income, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Sales Tax increases continue to be flat compared to previous years, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Government will be facing a deficit of more than \$4 Million this year, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Development Corporation's Director has traveled as far as China in search of industry that would be willing to locate in Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has seen a continued migration of jobs outside of Ulster County, such as IBM (with a loss of approximately 5000 jobs), Dyno Noble (with a loss of approximately 250 jobs), Schrade Cutlery (with a loss of approximately 650 jobs), and Colony Liquor (with a loss of approximately 250 jobs), and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Ventures LLC, is committed to constructing the multi-million dollar Belleayre Resort in Ulster County that will aid in tourism, and help secure a sustainable economy throughout the region, and

Resolution No. 82 March 16, 2010

Encouraging And Supporting The Construction Of Belleayre Resort To Be Managed By Crossroads Ventures, LLC – Supporting Economic Development And The Tourism Industry In Ulster County

WHEREAS, upon full build out, the Belleayre Resort's projected benefits would be: approximately 2,176 man-years of construction work; 541 full-time and 230 part-time jobs; direct and indirect wages of approximately \$47 million per year; annual real property tax revenues due Ulster County of over \$500,000, and estimated annual sales and bed tax revenues to Ulster County of \$2.3 million, and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Ventures, LLC, has entered into an Agreement In Principle with the State of New York whereby major improvements to the Belleayre Ski Center will proceed in parallel with the construction of the Belleayre resort, resulting in significant increases in annual skier visits and additional economic activity throughout Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Ventures LLC, will also be an anchor to encourage development of new businesses while supporting existing businesses such as specialty shops and restaurants all along the Route 28 corridor, and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2007, seven environmental groups, the State of New York and Crossroad Ventures, LLC, became party to an Agreement in Principle, related to the proposed Belleayre Resort development which envisioned, among other things, that more than 1,200 acres of land on the eastern side of the Belleayre Ski Center would be sold for inclusion in the Catskill Forest Preserve and protected in perpetuity as "forever wild," and

WHEREAS, the development of the resort will benefit residents and taxpayers living in all communities throughout Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development and Tourism Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature encourages and strongly supports the construction of said Belleayre Resort to be managed by Crossroads Ventures LLC, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature is committed to working with Crossroads Ventures LLC management, and offering any appropriate assistance to acquire permits, licenses, and/or easements to assure the development of this resort,

Resolution No. 82 March 16, 2010

Encouraging And Supporting The Construction Of Belleayre Resort To Be Managed By Crossroads Ventures, LLC – Supporting Economic Development And The Tourism Industry In Ulster County

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 3
(NOES: Legislators Gregorius, Robert Parete and Shapiro)
(1 Abstention: Legislator Hochberg)
(Absent: Legislators Felicello and Zimet)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
ADDITIONAL COUNTY REVENUE DOLLARS

0312

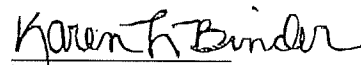
STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 16th day of March, 2010, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 18th Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Ten.



Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Ulster County Legislature} ss.:

I have compared the preceding Resolution, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 with the original thereof, on file in this office and do hereby CERTIFY that the same is a correct transcript thereof, and of the whole of said resolution.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Ulster County Legislature, at the City of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, on this 26th Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Ten.



**Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature**