



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 99

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW TO ALLOW UTILITY TASK VEHICLES (UTV) TO BE REGISTERED

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs

WHEREAS, all-terrain side by side vehicles developed by All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) manufacturers, referred to as Utility Task Vehicles (UTV) have become popular and widely used by outdoor recreation enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, this vehicle is better suited for the elderly, handicapped and less active riders because it allows two people to ride side-by-side; and

WHEREAS, the current Vehicle and Traffic Law allows only ATV's weighing up to 1,000 pounds to be registered and does not allow most UTV's to be registered because they weigh more than 1,000 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the ability to register ATV/UTV weighing more than 1,000 pounds and ride them on multiuse trail systems will provide significant economic benefits to local businesses, towns, counties and New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby requests that Governor Hochul and the State Legislature amend the Vehicle Traffic Safety Law to Allow Utility Task Vehicles (UTV) weighing more than 1,000 pounds to be registered; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Clerk, Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Joseph A. Griffo, New York State Association of Counties, New York State Association of Towns, and Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.

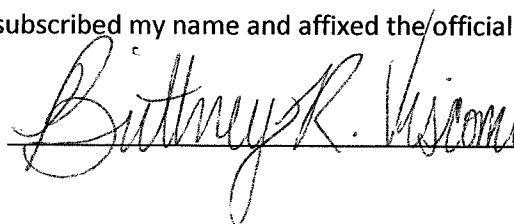
Dated: March 30, 2023.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF HERKIMER) SS.
LEGISLATURE CHAMBERS)

I, BRITTNEY R. VISCOMI, Clerk of the Legislature of Herkimer County, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No. 99 with the original duly adopted by the Herkimer County Legislature at a Special session held on the 30th day of March, 2023, and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of said Legislature on this 30th day of March, 2023.

L.S.

 Clerk