



Village of Fredonia

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA

On February 28, 2011, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Mackay and seconded by Trustee Williams, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS the mission of SUNY Fredonia is to educate students at the baccalaureate and master's level, while at the same time providing economic, social, and cultural support to the region, and

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia was instrumental in obtaining a State College in Fredonia, and

WHEREAS the Village official and citizens of the Village voted at a meeting held on September 28, 1866 to make a proposal to the State of New York to secure a State College in Fredonia which proposal was accepted by the State, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees then authorized the purchase of land and the construction of a building in Fredonia to be known as "Old Main" or the "Normal School" to be used as a normal school and teachers college, and

WHEREAS the cost of the land acquisition and the cost of construction of the original State College was paid solely by the Village of Fredonia taxpayers through bonds issued in the name of the Village of Fredonia, and

WHEREAS upon completion of the building in 1868 the Board of Trustees of the Village authorized, without any monetary consideration to the Village, the conveyance to the State of New York of the land and school building and furnishings therein for the purpose of a State College at Fredonia, and

WHEREAS the Village elected officials continue to maintain a strong interest and desire in having an affordable College at Fredonia, and

WHEREAS the State University of New York is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, educating more than 467,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs on 64 campuses with more than 2.5 million alumni around the globe, and

WHEREAS SUNY Fredonia has the potential to create unprecedented opportunities not just for current and future college students and their families, but for businesses and industry, and the workforce of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS New York has done an outstanding job of limiting reliance on tuition to support SUNY Fredonia's operations – holding tuition at \$4,970 per year – among the lowest in the nation, and

WHEREAS the means by which this tuition rate has been achieved are anything but fair and predictable, SUNY campuses have been allowed to raise tuition only 13 times over the last 48 years – the smallest of which was 7 percent and the highest of which was 43 percent, and

WHEREAS a five-year tuition plan that is fair, equitable and responsible and keeps all tuition revenues at SUNY campuses without corresponding cuts will provide current and future students and their families the ability to adequately plan ahead and know any tuition increase will be used to enhance educational opportunities, and

WHEREAS it is unwaveringly clear that the past, present, and future of the State of New York is uniquely tied to its State University, and

WHEREAS SUNY state-operated campuses have been the only New York public higher education sector to be subject to mid-year gubernatorial reductions without the concurrence of the legislature, and have frequently been the only part of state government to deal with the costs associated with collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the Governor's Office of Employee Relations without state funding, thereby eroding the state's maintenance of effort, and

WHEREAS SUNY campuses must have fiscal stability to be able to carryout this responsibility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia hereby supports the State University's proposal for the enactment of a five-year rational tuition plan; as well as a commitment to the maintenance of effort throughout any given year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia encourages the State Legislature to support this proposal and pass it into New York State Law, and

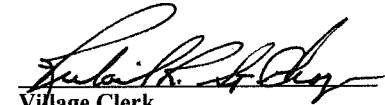
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA
VILLAGE OF FREDONIA

SS. }

I, Richard R. St. George, Village Clerk of the Village of Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original thereof as appears upon the Official Minutes of the Village of Fredonia and that the same is a true and correct copy of the same and of the whole thereof which was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia on the 28th day of February 2011.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Fredonia, this 2nd day of March, 2011


Village Clerk
Village of Fredonia, N.Y.