



## HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 237

### **RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK CORPORATION AND APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK BOARD AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 184 ADOPTED ON JULY 27, 2016**

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties  
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, New York State has recognized the need to provide new tools and innovative solutions to address deteriorated, abandoned and tax-delinquent properties and the blight they inflict upon communities; and

WHEREAS, New York State acknowledges the risks to public health and safety caused by seriously derelict properties; and

WHEREAS, land banks allow and provide a mechanism for the re-development, repair, improvement, or in appropriate situations, deconstruction of blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, land banks have now been firmly established nationally, with a success record in helping to ameliorate the above negative impacts; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of same and in order to revitalize and strengthen local communities and economies New York State has adopted a Land Bank Act ("Not-for-Profit" Corporation Law, Article 16); and

WHEREAS, a number of communities in the Greater Mohawk Valley with the direction and encouragement of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District ("MVEDD"), desire to create a regional land bank in order to efficiently and effectively address blight across the Greater Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Bank Act, it is necessary to adopt a resolution establishing the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Corporation ("GMVLB") on behalf of the County of Herkimer and the other signatories, and addressing certain other requirements relating to the structure and function of the GMVLB; therefore it is

RESOLVED, that the County of Herkimer hereby establishes and authorizes the creation of a regional land bank, as follows:

1. Name of the land bank: Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Corporation;
2. Number of initial members of the board of directors: 9
3. The initial individuals to serve on the GMVLB board and their initial terms of office are:
  - (a) Appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature and confirmed by the Herkimer County Legislature:  
Raymond Johnson (County Legislator), initial term of 2 years;  
Kurt Ackerman (County Legislator), initial term of 1 year;

- (b) Appointed by the County Executive of Montgomery County:  
Karl Gustafson (Office of the Executive), initial term of 2 years;
- (c) Appointed by Chair of the Board of Representatives of Otsego County:  
Margaret M. Kennedy (County Representative), initial term of 2 years;  
Craig Gelbsman (County Representative), initial term of 1 year;
- (d) Appointed by Chair of the Board of Supervisors, confirmed  
by Resolution of the Board of Schoharie County:  
Steven Wilson (County Administrator), initial term of 2 years;
- (e) Appointed by the Mayor of the City of Rome:  
Mark Domenico (Chief Code Enforcement Officer), initial term of 1 year;
- (f) Appointed by the Mayor of the City of Utica:  
Brian Thomas (Commissioner, Urban & Economic Development); initial  
term of 2 years;
- (g) Appointed by the Common Council of the City of Utica:  
Joseph A. Marino (Chair, Economic Development Committee), initial term  
of 1 year;

- 4. Board members must be a resident of the county or city from which they are appointed. Each of the joining counties and the joining cities will be entitled to have the number of members on the board of directors as listed above. The regular terms of office of members of the board shall be 2 years, in addition to any partial term for which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy.
- 5. The proposed articles of incorporation of the GMVLB are approved for inclusion in the application for the GMVLB which is to be sent to Empire State Development.
- 6. The County of Herkimer (together with the other joining counties and cities) will enter into and the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement for the creation of GMVLB, and is authorized to execute such other documents as may be necessary to establish the GMVLB, subject to the approval of the County Attorney.
- 7. Resolution No. 184 adopted July 27, 2016 is hereby rescinded.

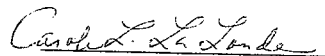
Dated: October 5, 2016.

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

I, CAROLE L. LaLONDE, Clerk of the Legislature of Herkimer County, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No. 237 with the original duly adopted by the Herkimer County Legislature at a regular session held on the 5th day of October, 2016, 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 14th day of October, 2016.

L.S.

 Clerk

