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**STATE OF NEW YORK
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CITY OF ROME**

I, ERIC R. SEELIG, DEPUTY CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ROME, NEW YORK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPARED THE FOREGOING AND ANNEXED COPY OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 127A
Adopted October 12, 2016

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER MOHAWK
VALLEY LAND BANK CORPORATION AND APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE TO
SERVE ON GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK BOARD

WITH THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN MY OFFICE AND THAT THE SAME IS A CORRECT AND TRUE TRANSCRIPT THEREFROM AND OF THE WHOLE THEREOF.

WITNESS BY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF ROME, NEW YORK
14th DAY OCTOBER, 2016.


ERIC R. SEELIG
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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By Councilor Rogers:

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 City of Rome and the other signatories, and addressing certain other requirements relating to the structure and function of the GMVLB; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, that the City of Rome, New York 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, 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 Chairman of the Board of Representatives of Otsego County, confirmed by Resolution of the Board:
Margaret M. Kennedy (County Representative), initial term of 2-years;
Craig Gelbsman (County Representative), initial term of 1-year;
 - (d) Appointed by Chairman 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, confirmed by the Common Council 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, which are attached hereto and made part hereof, are approved for inclusion in the application for the GMVLB which is to be sent to Empire State Development.

6. The City of Rome (together with the other joining counties and cities) will enter into and that Mayor Jacqueline M. Izzo 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 Corporation Counsel;

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointment of Mark Domenico as an initial member to the GMVLB Board, for an initial term of one year, is hereby confirmed by the Common Council of the City of Rome.

Seconded by Councilor Trifeletti.

Motion to Amend to add BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Anderson, and so ordered October 12, 2016.

AYES: Trifeletti, Mortise, Rogers, Parsons, Anderson, Dursi, DiMarco

NAYS: None

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 12, 2016