

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
 Resolution No. 10-02-09
 February 23, 2010

**SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF
 THE OGDENSBURG CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

WHEREAS, New York State Governor David Paterson has proposed the closing of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility (the "OCF") effective March 31, 2011, and

WHEREAS, OCF employs 287 staff members and has an annual payroll of over \$22million, and

WHEREAS, a high percentage of those employees own homes, make local purchases and support local businesses in St. Lawrence County, thereby making our region a better place to live and raise a family, and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980's New York State Government was welcomed by Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County, when asked to support construction of much-needed correctional facilities, and

WHEREAS, in the past year the General Motors plant in Massena, New York closed, putting over 500 people out of work, the Alcoa East plant has been idled, putting hundreds more out of work, the potential closing of the P&C stores will put another 300 workers out of a job, numerous cutbacks at hospitals have devastated the economy of St. Lawrence County, zinc and talc mines in the Gouverneur area remain closed and the continuing loss of family-run dairy farms within our County have placed an unprecedented demand on social services in our County, and

WHEREAS, the recent announcement of the loss of over \$2 million in sales tax revenue in 2009 compared to 2008 will impact the budgets of every municipality in St. Lawrence County, combined with the loss of over \$22million in payroll will create an economic climate that cannot sustain needed services for our residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency urges all of the regional elected representatives to oppose any plan that would close OCF or cut existing staff in any facility within the Watertown Hub, and we ask Governor Paterson to reconsider his decision to close OCF, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to NYS Governor Paterson, US Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Congressman Owens, NY Senators Aubertine and Griffo, and NY Assemblywomen Russell and Scozzafava

Move:	LaBaff			
Second:	Morrill/Blevins			
VOTE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blevins	X			
Hall	X			
LaBaff	X			
McMahon				X
Morrill	X			
Staples	X			
Weekes	X			

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared this copy of this Resolution with the original record in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

/s/ *Natalie A. Sweatland*

Natalie A. Sweatland
 02/23/2010