



**Resolution**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Columbia**  
**New York**

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2009

February 11, 2009

BY SUPERVISOR:   
COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
CHAIRMAN: LEO PULCHER

AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REQUEST THAT THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ENACT LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED USE OF LEVER-STYLE VOTING MACHINES

UPON, recommendation of the County Government Committee at a meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009;

WHEREAS, for many decades Columbia County has successfully used mechanical lever-style voting machines, with very few problems, and is desirous of continuing to do so; and

WHEREAS, New York State enacted the Election Reform and Modernization Act of 2005 (ERMA) and other laws that require all lever machines to be replaced and prohibit the use of any lever machines in any future elections in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County believes that the continued use of lever-style voting machines is in the best interest of the public and should be permitted to be used in future elections; and


WHEREAS, the New York State legislation relating to voting machines far exceeds the federal requirements of HAVA (Help America Vote Act), and

WHEREAS, the State's statutorily required elimination of lever-style voting machines is unnecessary, inappropriate, and costly to Columbia County taxpayers;

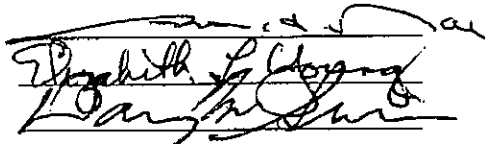
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the New York State Legislature and the New York State Board of Elections to enact laws, rules, and regulations that specifically authorize the continued use of lever-style voting machines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to governor David Paterson, New York State Senator Stephen Saland, Members of the Assembly Tim Gordon, Peter Lopez, and Marcus Molinaro, Co-Executive Directors of the New York State Board of Elections Todd Valentine and Stanley Zalen, and New York State Board of Elections Commissioners James Walsh, Douglas Kellner, Evelyn Aquila, and Gregory Peterson, the Columbia County Attorney and the Columbia County Treasurer.

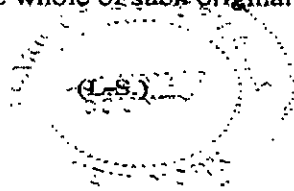
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County Attorney

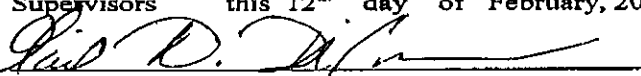
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Elizabeth L. Horgan

STATE OF NEW YORK }  
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA } ss:

This is to certify that I, undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Columbia, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original minutes therefore, now remaining on file of record in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript there from and of the whole of such original.



IN TESTIMONY THEROF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board of Supervisors this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.  
  
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Gail A. DiCosmo  
Clerk of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors