

**Danby Town Board
Resolution for Consideration
March 12, 2012**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NYS DOS LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT APPLICATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF SHARED SERVICES OF TOMPKINS COUNTY AND LOCAL ROADS FOR COST SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has available funds for the 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, this grant program can assist the Town of Danby in identifying opportunities to cooperate with other local governments in the area to reduce the cost of providing services, and

WHEREAS, the cost to maintain local roadways and bridges represents a large share of all municipal and county budgets and property tax levies, and

WHEREAS, at a time when the cost to maintain highway infrastructure is growing rapidly and local budgets are tightly constrained, it is increasingly difficult to maintain basic highway infrastructure at a cost that can be supported by local budgets, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Danby and its Local Municipal Highway Department would benefit from reducing the cost of adequately repairing and maintaining these roadways, and

WHEREAS, a study to evaluate the County and Local Road System and identify areas where inter-municipal cooperation, shared services, or redistributions of responsibilities could result in a more efficient system of providing quality highway services and lower costs for the repair and maintenance of existing roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Danby, on behalf of its citizens, supports this effort and grant application for approximately \$100,000, with a required local cash match of 10% that shall be allocated among the participating municipalities.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Town of Danby supports the County and Local Road Local Government Efficiency Grant Program application, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the the Town of Danby agrees, if awarded, to participate and assist in all phases of the County and Local Road Shared Service Local Government Efficiency Grant Study.