

The Legislature of Rockland County



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Legislator – District 3

Chair, Public Safety Committee

AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014
5:15 PM

ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2014

1. REF. #5327 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF RAMAPO BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR USE OF THE RAMAPO POLICE RANGE FACILITY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY [SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT]
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)
2. REF. #2321 - URGING THE ROCKLAND COUNTY MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION ENACTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION'S REPORT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY TO PASS SUCH LEGISLATION, AND THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN SUCH LEGISLATION
(HON. HARRIET D. CORNELL, LEGISLATURE)

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[SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT]**

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WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law authorizes municipal governments to perform together that which each government is authorized to perform individually and requires that any intermunicipal cooperation agreement be approved by each participating municipal corporation by a majority vote of the voting strength of its governing body; and

WHEREAS, The County of Rockland through its Sheriff's Department and the Town of Ramapo desire to enter into an intermunicipal agreement for the use of the Ramapo Police Range Facility by the Sheriff's Department and the Rockland County Police Academy for firearms training for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of this resolution does not involve the expenditure of any County funds; and

WHEREAS, The _____ Committee of the Legislature has met, considered and _____ approved this resolution; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the execution by the County Executive of an intermunicipal agreement between the County of Rockland through its Sheriff's Department and the Town of Ramapo for the use of the Ramapo Police Range Facility by the Sheriff's Department and the Rockland County Police Academy for firearms training for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

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Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor

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WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a global problem whereby thousands of people – often women and children – are taken from their families and forced into hard labor or prostitution by human traffickers. They are often threatened and physically abused, and issues such as immigration status can render some victims especially vulnerable to intimidation; and

WHEREAS; New York with its international borders and ports is particularly vulnerable to international human trafficking, the problem is also domestic. While New York and many other states have tough laws to curb trafficking in persons, the fact that the problem persists indicates the need to take more effective measures; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide, human trafficking is a \$32 billion-a-year business. In New York, estimates list nearly 12,000 cases of human trafficking between 2000 and 2010. Since 2007, state officials have confirmed 224 cases of human trafficking, half in New York City. A Hofstra University study found that between 2000 and 2010, about 58 percent of nearly 11,300 sex trafficking victims in New York were under age 18; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2013, the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) issued a report developed by its Special Committee on Human Trafficking calling on state legislators, the courts and advocacy groups to undertake specific measures to enhance the prosecution of human traffickers and focus more attention on the care and treatment for victims; and

WHEREAS, This report examines the problem of human trafficking, evaluates the effectiveness of existing state laws and recommends solutions; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Legislature enacted New York's first anti-trafficking law in 2007, but New York's anti-trafficking laws still fall short of reducing, if not eradicating, labor trafficking; and

WHEREAS, The NYSBA report includes a recommendation that the state establish a civil private right of action that would allow victims to bring cases to civil court, which would undercut the profit motive of the traffickers and provide compensation to victims; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-nine (29) states and the District of Columbia currently allow for a private right of action; and

WHEREAS, The NYSBA report also contains a list of recommendations specific to three distinct groups who fall prey to labor trafficking, child trafficking and sex trafficking. These recommendations include the following:

Labor Trafficking

- Provide monetary rewards and whistleblower immunity to employees and individuals in cases where suspected labor trafficking leads to prosecution.
- Enact an enterprise disclosure law requiring businesses with worldwide revenues exceeding \$100 million to pledge that under penalty of law, they do not engage in human trafficking.

Child Trafficking

- Eliminate the requirement to show coercion in the charging of sex trafficking when an adult intentionally advances or profits from the prostitution of a minor.
- Raise the age of criminal responsibility to age 18 in order to eliminate the criminal prosecution of minor victims of sex trafficking.
- Amend mandated reporter requirements to include human trafficking.
- Amend child protective provisions of the Family Court Act and state Social Services Law to explicitly include child victims of human trafficking.

Sex Trafficking

- Reclassify sex trafficking as a Class B violent felony, expand eavesdropping and video surveillance authority and create an affirmative defense for trafficking victims.
- Amend the Vacating Convictions Law to include non-prostitution offenses, eliminate the due diligence requirements and develop uniform court rules to protect the identities of trafficking victims.
- Expand the victim referral process to the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for services to include providers of social or legal services in a position to identify sex trafficking victims.

and

WHEREAS, the Governor of New York just implemented one of these recommendations, signing a bill into law that will afford 16 and 17 year old victims of sex trafficking the same protections as those currently given to younger victims. This law is designed to prevent the re-victimization of children by providing them with services instead of jail time; and

WHEREAS, the _____ Committee has met, considered and by a _____ vote, approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Legislature hereby urges the Rockland County members of the New York State Legislature to introduce legislation enacting the recommendations of the New York State Bar Association's report on human trafficking, the New York State Senate and Assembly to pass such legislation, and the governor to sign such legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Hon. David Carlucci, Hon. William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Senators, Hon. Kenneth P. Zebrowski, Jr., Hon. Ellen C. Jaffee, and Hon. James G. Skoufis, Members of the New York State Assembly; the President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution..

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