

RESOLUTION NO. 74

**TITLE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE BELLEAYRE RESORT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors is committed to, and strongly supports, economic development and the tourism industry in Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Ventures LLC will invest over \$400 million in the development of the Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park, providing visitors to this region with a variety of year-round outdoor recreation and lodging opportunities, and will compliment and enhance Delaware County' s efforts to promote the region as a tourism destination; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County continues to suffer from the loss of jobs, reduced household income and negative growth in sales tax revenues resulting from the global economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County has seen a continued migration of jobs outside the county and a population decline of over 5 percent since the 2000 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Belleayre Resort project will result in the creation of 541 full-time and 230-part-time jobs, will provide direct and indirect wages of approximately \$47 million annually and contribute over \$167 million annually to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2007, Crossroads Ventures, LLC reached an agreement with New York State, the City of New York and seven national and regional environmental groups regarding a scaled-back version of the Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park project; and

WHEREAS, the agreement in principle has dramatically reduced the scale and scope of the project and provides for 1,200 acres of land to be incorporated into the Catskill Park as forever wild while simultaneously increasing project costs by over \$150 million, and has been lauded by all parties to the agreement as an illustration that environmental protection and sustainable economic development can go hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, the Belleayre Resort project will be a tourism destination and anchor to encourage the development of new businesses while supporting existing businesses throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Belleayre Resort will benefit residents and taxpayers living and working in Delaware County through the provision of new job opportunities, over \$650,000 annually in local property taxes and millions of dollars annually in new sales tax revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its support for the development and construction of the Belleayre Resort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors is committed to working with Crossroads Ventures, LLC and offering any appropriate assistance to acquire permits, licenses and/or easements to assure the development of the resort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ulster County Legislature, Governor Patterson, Senator John Bonacic, and NYS Assemblymen Clifford W. Crouch and Kevin Cahill.

State of New York
County of Delaware

I, Christa M. Schafer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Delaware County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on the 14th day of April 2010 and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board at Delhi, New York, this 14th day of April 2010.



Clerk, Delaware County Board of Supervisors