



# *Essex County Board of Supervisors*

**Resolution No. 165**

**June 14, 2019**  
**Special Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A HOME RULE REQUEST FOR ENACTION AND ADOPTION BY THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY OF ASSEMBLY BILL A-4676B, AND ENACTION AND ADOPTION BY THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE OF SENATE BILL S-1997B WHICH AUTHORIZES ESSEX COUNTY TO ENTER INTO MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO FINANCE AND OPERATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND GENERAL AMBULANCE SERVICES AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THAT THE EXPENSE OF THESE SERVICES BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED FROM ALL LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE COUNTY IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY CHARGES**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Merrihew, who moved its adoption.

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A-4676B and Senate Bill S-1997B, respectively have been introduced in the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate entitled “An Act in relation to permitting Essex County to enter into a municipal cooperative agreement for emergency medical services and general ambulance services”; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this legislation is to allow Essex County the ability to enter into intermunicipal agreements relative to the finance and operation of emergency medical services and general ambulance services with the expense of such services to be levied and collected from all lots or parcels of land within the County subject to the agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Essex County needs to adopt a Home Rule Request for such necessary legislation to be considered and enacted.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a Home Rule Request requesting enactment of Assembly Bill A-4676B and Senate Bill S-1997B, amending General Municipal Law Section 122-b as hereinabove recited for giving Essex County the ability to contract for emergency medical services and general ambulance services and to fund the operation from all lots or parcels within the County subject to the agreements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that a necessity exists in that the enactment of this legislation as Essex County has no authority by law to finance the expenses of such services without state legislation. Without this ability, Essex County will not be able to safely and properly provide vital ambulance and EMT services to its constituency and will continue to be burdened for lack of funding and manpower; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to immediately execute all necessary Home Rule Request documents and immediately forward the same to Assemblyman Daniel Stec and Senator Elizabeth Little.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Scozzafava, and adopted upon a **two-thirds** roll-call vote as follows:


**AYES: 3236 votes**  
**NOES: 0 votes**  
**ABSENT: 803 votes (Harrington, McNally, DeZalia, Winemiller, Preston, Marnell)**

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ESSEX )ss:

I, JUDITH A. GARRISON, Clerk of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution filed in this office on the 14th day of June, 2019, and that it is a correct and true copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 14th day of June, 2019.



  
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Judith A. Garrison  
Clerk of the Essex County Board of Supervisors