

Proclamation of the Albany County Legislature

- Whereas,** Climate change is adversely affecting the economic well-being, natural resources and the public health of our residents across the county, state and nation; and
- Whereas,** Climate change intensifies the vulnerability of disadvantaged communities, including communities of color and low-income communities which bear environmental and socioeconomic burdens; and
- Whereas,** In 2019, New York State passed the landmark Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, enshrining a number of climate goals into law, such as reducing New York's carbon emissions 85% below the 1990-level of GHG by 2050 and creating 100% carbon free electricity by 2040; and
- Whereas,** The New York State Legislature has previously recognized the importance of promoting renewable energy at the Empire State Plaza complex when it rejected a state budget deal of \$88 million that appropriated funds to add two new fracked gas turbines on Sheridan Avenue; and
- Whereas,** The state owned and operated buildings in downtown Albany continue to be powered by burning fracked gas; and
- Whereas,** The Sheridan Avenue Steam Plant, which heats and cools the Empire State Plaza complex has polluted the low-income neighborhoods of Sheridan Hollow, Arbor Hill, West Hill, Center Square, Mansion District and South End, and therefore has to be shut down; and
- Whereas,** The Renewable Capitol Act requires the Empire Plaza complex to transition to 100% clean renewable energy within three years after the passage of this bill; and
- Whereas,** Passage of the Renewable Capitol Act will serve as a demonstration project for state agencies and companies to show how transitioning to renewables can meet the state's energy goals; and
- Whereas,** This common sense legislation will lead renewable energy efforts in New York State and showcase to the nation and the world how to combat the climate crisis and build a sustainable energy future by converting such a large facility like the Empire State Plaza complex to clean renewable energy; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved,** The members of the Albany County Legislature hereby support the passage of A9341/S8221 and request that the New York State Assembly and State Senate act on this legislation before the end of the 2022 legislative session.

In witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the County Legislature of Albany County to be affixed on this 2nd day of May, 2022.

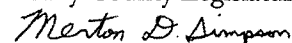




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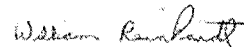
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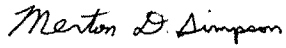
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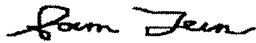
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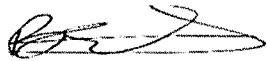
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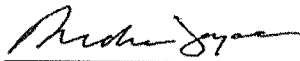
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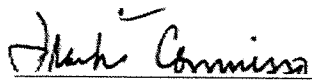
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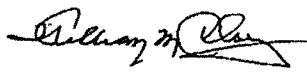
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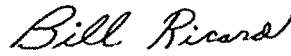
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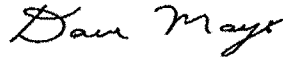
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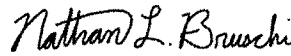
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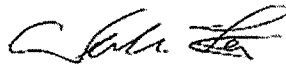
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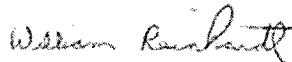
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