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LOCAL LAW 4-17
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING COUNTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONSOLIDATION AND DISSOLUTION

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. In 2009, the New York State Legislature adopted the “New N.Y. Government Reorganization and Citizen Empowerment Act” which revised the requirements for consolidating or dissolving local government entities in New York State.

In November 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition for local governments to compete for \$20 million in grant awards to spur local government consolidation and innovative restructuring initiatives.

The purpose of this local law is to authorize the County of Chautauqua to join New York State in providing assistance to local municipalities for consolidation and dissolution. It is the intent of this local law to enhance the well-being of County residents and property therein by encouraging a decrease in the layers of local government in order to reduce property taxes, improve the business climate, and spur economic development in Chautauqua County.

Section 2. Authorization. The County of Chautauqua is hereby authorized pursuant to a duly adopted resolution to provide assistance to other municipalities in Chautauqua County to accomplish the consolidation and dissolution of local government entities. Such assistance may be in the form of grants, loans, or in-kind services.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any provisions or part of this local law shall for any reason be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of the local law.

Section 4. Effective Date. This local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Sponsored by Legislator Niebel, Scudder, Vanstrom, Starks, Muldowney, Whitford, Borrello
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