



## ***Essex County Board of Supervisors***

***Resolution No. 59***

***March 3, 2025  
Regular Board Meeting***

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE CORRECTION OFFICERS AND CALLING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF HUMANE ALTERNATIVES TO LONG-TERM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT (HALT) ACT REGULATIONS**

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

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

**WHEREAS**, the Essex County Board of Supervisors recognizes and appreciates the dedication, professionalism and sacrifices of the men and women serving as New York State Correction Officers in ensuring the safety and security of correctional facilities and the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has among its members former Corrections Officers Supervisor Michael "Ike" Tyler, Supervisor Matthew Stanley, and Supervisor James Monty as well as Corrections Nurse Supervisor Cathleen Reusser, all of whom understand their dedication and sacrifice;

**WHEREAS**, Correction Officers face increasingly dangerous working conditions due to rising incidents of violence and assaults committed by incarcerated individuals, placing both staff and inmates at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Alternative to Long-Term Solitary Confinement Act (HALT), enacted by the New York State Legislature, has significantly limited the ability of Correction Officers to maintain order and discipline within correctional facilities by restricting the use of segregated confinement for violent offender; and

**WHEREAS**, since the implementation of the HALT Act, correctional facilities across New York State have reported a significant increase in violent attacks against staff and incarcerated individuals, exacerbating the already dangerous environment in these institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Essex County Board of Supervisors and Essex County Sheriff David Reynolds stand in full support of the Correction Officers who are advocating for safer working conditions, better staffing levels and the repeal of policies that compromise the safety of both officers and inmates; and

**WHEREAS**, the elimination or significant revision of the HALT Act is necessary to restore effective management tools within correctional facilities, ensuring that violent individuals can be appropriately disciplined to prevent further harm.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby supports our Correction Officers and urges the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature and the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) to take immediate action to eliminate or substantially reform the HALT Act regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be forwarded to: Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Daniel Stec, Assemblyman Matthew Simpson; Assemblyman Billy Jones and New York State Association of Counties.

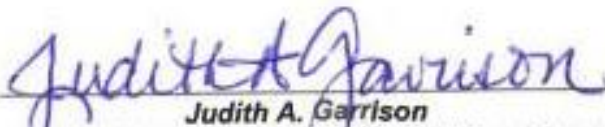
This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

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 3rd day of March, 2025, 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 3rd day of March, 2025.



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