

SPECIAL SESSION
Herkimer County Legislature
First Quarter – Fifth Day
Thursday, March 30, 2023
8:30 a.m.

The Special Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Chairman Vincent J. Bono at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Bono called on Peter J. Campione, Herkimer County Legislator, to lead the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bono requested everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in recognition and honor of all the current and past veterans of Herkimer County.

The Clerk called the roll, the following answered:

Present: Malta, Schrader, Hollum, Stephens, Manno, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Shaw, Weakley (11).

Absent: Gaworecki, Johnson, Keeler, Brezinski, Swartz, Russell (6).

Quorum present.

The Clerk read the Notice of the Special Session.

Chairman Bono stated that the communications received by the Legislature and the committees to which they were referred were as listed on the agenda and asked if any member of the Legislature requested mention of any particular communication. There were no requests.

No. 99 – A communication was received from the Chairman of the Legislature requesting Special Session. Filed.

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Hollum, Resolution No. 99 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs requesting the Governor and State Legislature to amend the vehicle and traffic law to allow Utility Task Vehicles (UTV) to be registered was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (11). Against: None.

Absent: Gaworecki, Johnson, Keeler, Brezinski, Swartz, Russell (6).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 99

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW TO ALLOW UTILITY TASK VEHICLES (UTV) TO BE REGISTERED

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs

WHEREAS, all-terrain side by side vehicles developed by All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) manufacturers, referred to as Utility Task Vehicles (UTV) have become popular and widely used by outdoor recreation enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, this vehicle is better suited for the elderly, handicapped and less active riders because it allows two people to ride side-by-side; and

WHEREAS, the current Vehicle and Traffic Law allows only ATV's weighing up to 1,000 pounds to be registered and does not allow most UTV's to be registered because they weigh more than 1,000 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the ability to register ATV/UTV weighing more than 1,000 pounds and ride them on multiuse trail systems will provide significant economic benefits to local businesses, towns, counties and New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby requests that Governor Hochul and the State Legislature amend the Vehicle Traffic Safety Law to Allow Utility Task Vehicles (UTV) weighing more than 1,000 pounds to be registered; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Clerk, Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Joseph A. Griffo, New York State Association of Counties, New York State Association of Towns, and Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.

Dated: March 30, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Stephens, this Special Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.