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June 13, 2012

Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr.
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FN 20 12 281
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



Dear County Executive Picente:

WAYS & MEANS

During the 2012 budget process it was envisioned the Motor Vehicle Department would be able to reduce its workforce in Rome by 4 employees. Two positions were deleted at the start of the budget year and two positions were slated to be eliminated at the half way point. Although I have working diligently with my Motor Vehicle people absorbing the first two position cuts, it is obvious the Department can not absorb an additional two position cut. The work load at the Department of Motor Vehicle has increased and any further cuts will just add to the back log and long lines the Department of Motor Vehicle is currently incurring! Therefore, I feel it is necessary to amend the 2012 budget to include funding until the end of 2012 along with reestablishing two of the deleted positions.

Fortunately, there are funds to cover this additional funding until the end of the 2012 budget year due to the increased work load the Department has been experiencing..

I therefore request your Board approval for the reestablishing of the following positions effective 07/01/12 in Department of Motor Vehicle in the 2012 Budget:

<u>CC</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>Position Title</u>
A1411	030	MV Representative
A1411	031	MV Representative

I also respectfully request your full Board act on this legislation at your **July 11, 2012** meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

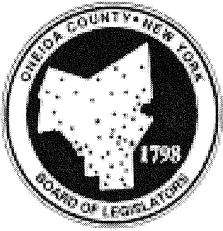
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June 11, 2012

FN 20 12 - 282

The Honorable Gerald J. Fiorini, Chairman
Oneida County Board of Legislators
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800 Park Ave.
Utica, New York 13501

WAYS & MEANS

Dear Chairman Fiorini,

Please find the enclosed resolution supporting the display of the national motto "In God We Trust" in the Oneida County Legislative Chambers. I am requesting that you move this proposed legislation to be considered by the full Board of Legislators. Thank you for your full consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Gordon
Oneida County Legislator, 14th District

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Enclosures

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Dave Gordon

2ND BY:

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE SUPPORTING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO “IN GOD WE TRUST” IN THE ONEIDA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS IN A PROMINENT LOCATION ABOVE THE SEAL.

WHEREAS, “In God We Trust” became the United States national motto on July 30, 1956, shortly after our nation left the world through the trauma of World War II and,

WHEREAS, the words have been used on US currency since 1864, and

WHEREAS, the same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate Chambers as well as above the Speaker’s dais in the House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to display this patriotic motto in the Council Chambers as a way to solemnize occasions and express confidence in our society.

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Oneida of New York State, does hereby determine that the historic and patriotic words of our national motto, “In God We Trust”, shall be permanently and prominently displayed in the Oneida County Legislative Chambers.

APPROVED: Ways & Means Committee ()

DATED:

Adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES _____ NAYS _____ ABSENT _____

The History of the National Motto “In God We Trust”

- In September of 1814, during the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, Francis Scott Key composed the poem *The Star Spangled Banner*, of which the last line of the second and final stanza is, “and this be our Motto, in God be our Trust.”
- In 1861, Chief Justice Chase of the Supreme Court wrote the following in a letter to the director of the U.S. Mint: “No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins.”
- In 1866, Congress enacted legislation authorizing the inscription of the phrase “In God We Trust” to be placed on certain coins.
- In 1931, Congress passed the act officially designating the composition of the words and music of the *The Star Spangled Banner* as our National Anthem.
- In 1954, during the Dwight D. Eisenhower Administration, Congress approved the words “Under God” to be added to our Pledge of Allegiance. In our pledge, the United States is described as “One Nation under God.”
- In 1955, Congress mandated the inscription of “In God We Trust” on all coins and paper currency.
- In 1956, during the Eisenhower Administration, Congress and the Supreme Court voted in favor of declaring “In God We Trust” as the national motto of the United States.
- The United States Code itself contains religious references. For example, Congress has directed the President to “...set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.”
- Our National Motto, “In God We Trust,” is prominently engraved on the wall above the Speaker’s dais in the Chamber of the House of Representatives and is reproduced on every coin minted and every dollar printed by the Federal Government.
- Our Judicial Branch acknowledges the central role of religion in our society. All federal courts open sessions requesting that “God save the United States and this honorable Court.”
- The Ten Commandments are posted in the U.S. Supreme Court Chambers directly above the bench where the nine Supreme Court Justices sit.

