



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. ___ OF 2020**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEACON REGARDING THE
MERGER OF THE NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY INTO THE NEW YORK
STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Fish Newburgh Beacon Bridge (the "Newburgh Beacon Bridge") spans the Hudson River between the City of Beacon ("City") and the Town of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority ("Bridge Authority") operates the Newburgh Beacon Bridge and other bridges across the Hudson River in the MidHudson region, which serve as vital links for the lives and commerce of numerous residents and businesses located in the City and in the Newburgh-Beacon economic area, who utilize the bridge crossings of the River on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo, in his 2020-21 budget address, announced legislation to merge the Bridge Authority into the New York State Thruway Authority ("Thruway Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the tolls on the five bridges operated by the Bridge Authority are relatively low, and presumably reflect an efficient and well-maintained operation by the Bridge Authority

WHEREAS, the City is concerned that a merger may result in either Bridge Authority revenue being used to subsidize Thruway Authority efforts, or in reduced Bridge Authority expense to offset higher Thruway Authority expense, or in reduced Bridge Authority operational staffing and capital efforts, thereby negatively affecting the Newburgh Beacon Bridge and the critical linkage it provides to the Newburgh-Beacon economic area

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Beacon encourages New York State to ensure that any actions involving the Bridge Authority and the Thruway Authority do not negatively affect the Bridge Authority's mission of providing five efficient, well maintained and low-toll bridges crossing the Hudson River, and in particular the Newburgh Beacon Bridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be delivered, by the City Clerk to the Hon. Andrew J. Cuomo, Governor, the Hon. Susan Serino, Senator for the 41ST District and the Hon. Jonathon G. Jacobson, Assemblyman for the 104TH District.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments			<input type="checkbox"/> On roll call			<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not on roll call.						<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Terry Nelson					
		Jodi McCredo					
		George Mansfield					
		Amber Grant					
		Air Rhodes					
		Dan Aymar-Blair					
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou					
		Motion Carried					