



EXHIBIT IX.A.1.b.

ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL SUPPORT

Other Evidence of Local Support

Submit as Exhibit IX.A.1.b. a list of any other evidence of local support including public statements and declarations, letters or resolutions from the Host Municipality, nearby municipalities, private organizations, community, religious and civic groups, charitable organizations, entertainment venues, chambers of commerce, local businesses, labor organizations, etc.

As described throughout this application, Empire and its subsidiary, MRMI, have developed positive and mutually beneficial relationships with numerous private organizations, community, religious and civic groups, charitable organizations, entertainment venues, chambers of commerce, local businesses and labor organizations in the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County and the surrounding communities and municipalities, and Montreign Operating Company, LLC plans to continue, foster and develop those relationships. Further, the Montreign Resort Casino, along with Adelaar and its various amenities, will benefit the Town of Thompson and nearby municipalities by creating new jobs and tax revenues, bringing new visitors and tourists to the region, and offering the type of economic development that the region has been waiting for. In recognition of the benefits and opportunities that Montreign Resort Casino and Adelaar can bring to the region, numerous individuals, businesses and other entities have offered their support for the project, which includes:



- The Town of Thompson: The Town of Thompson adopted a resolution supporting the Gaming Facility at Adelaar, as more fully described in Exhibit IX.A.1.a. and Attachment IX.A.1.a.-1.
- Nearby Municipalities: Numerous nearby municipalities, such as the Village of Monticello and the Towns of Mamakating, Delaware, Callicoon, Bethel and Highland, to name a few, as well as Sullivan County and the Town of Thompson, adopted resolutions and sent letters expressing their support for the Gaming Facility. See Attachment IX.A.1.b.-1.
- Chambers of Commerce: Chambers of Commerce, such as the Chambers of Commerce in Sullivan, Delaware and Pike Counties, adopted resolutions and sent letters expressing their support for the Gaming Facility. See Attachment IX.A.1.b.-2.
- Local Legislature: Members of the Sullivan County Legislature, including Chairman Scott B. Samuelson, Gene Benson and Jonathan Rouis, also offered their support for the Gaming Facility. See Attachment IX.A.1.b.-3. Attachment IX.A.1.b.-3 also includes the resolution adopted by the Sullivan County Legislature declaring its support for gaming destination resorts in the County.
- Local and Regional Economic and Tourism Agencies and Partnerships: Local and regional economic and tourism agencies and partnerships, such as the Sullivan County Visitors Association, Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation, Sullivan-Wawarsing Rural Economic Area Partnership and Dutchess County Tourism, also offered their support. See Attachment IX.A.1.b.-4.
- Educational Institutions and Entertainment Venues: Educational institutions and entertainment venues, such as Sullivan County Community College, Monticello High School, the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and the Forestburgh Playhouse, sent in additional letters of support for the Gaming Facility. See Attachment IX.A.1.b.-5.
- Local Businesses and residents: Numerous letters from local businesses and residents, such as the Monticello Motor Club and Catskill Regional Medical Center, just to name a few, have been sent to Montreign in support of the Gaming Facility. See Attachment IX.A.1.b.-6.
- Non-Profit and Charitable Organizations: Finally, non-profit and charitable organizations, such as the Catskill Mountainkeeper, Sullivan County Child Care Council and the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties, have offered their support for Montreign and the Gaming Facility at Adelaar. See Attachment IX.A.1.b.-7.