BY: Senator ORTT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY terminating the provisions of Executive Order 11.3 issued by the Governor pursuant to section 29-a of the Executive Law thus ending the COVID-19 state disaster emergency

WHEREAS, the Governor was given the authority pursuant to section 29-a of the Executive Law by Executive Order to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a state disaster emergency in compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, and to issue any directive during the disaster emergency necessary to cope with the disaster;

WHEREAS, Executive Order number 11.3 of 2022 continues the state disaster emergency as set forth in Executive Order 11, and continues the suspensions and modifications of law contained in Executive Order numbers 11, 11.1, and 11.2, through March 16, 2022;

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases have drastically decreased by more than 90 percent over the past month;

WHEREAS, there are now widely available vaccines and therapeutics to prevent severe illness from the virus;

WHEREAS, data suggests the Omicron variant results in milder disease than previous variants of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the public is returning to a normal way of life and learning to live with the virus as it is not likely to ever be fully eradicated; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has the authority to terminate by concurrent resolution Executive Orders issued under section 29-a of the Executive Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, (If the &HOUSE concur), That Executive Order number 11.3, which continues the state disaster emergency set forth in Executive Order number 11 and continues the suspensions and modifications of law contained in Executive Order numbers 11, 11.1 and 11.2, through March 16, 2022 are hereby terminated.