



# SENATOR JIM ALESI

*Community Update: Week Ending 5/28/10*



## SENATOR ALESI OPPOSES TAKEOVER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUNDS BY SENATE DEMOCRATS

Rather than pass the 2010-2011 State Budget to open state parks and provide the necessary money needed for proper staffing and maintenance, Senate Democrats approved a last-minute, rough-shod proposal introduced by Governor Paterson that will deplete the state's Environmental Protection Fund and impose millions of dollars in new taxes and fees on businesses and residents. I vehemently opposed this legislation – masquerading as a parks-opening bill – which, in fact, will be a business-closing, job-killing bill. What our state cannot afford is the continuing tax-and-spend mentality that Governor Paterson and his fellow Democrats have espoused for nearly eighteen months. For the second straight week, the Governor and his colleagues have raided an outside source of dedicated funds – last week, more than \$65 million from the New York Power Authority was siphoned – due to their inability to negotiate a budget in public, in good faith, and for the benefit of all New Yorkers.

## ERIE CANAL OPEN AND READY FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer, and businesses, residents and visitors along the Erie Canal are preparing for the extended hours and many festivals that begin this weekend. In Monroe County, we are extremely fortunate to have the Erie Canal wind its way through several towns and villages, along its 524-mile course through New York State from Buffalo to New York City.

In the 55th Senate District, I am proud to represent the canal-towns of Perinton, Pittsford and Henrietta, and the villages of Fairport and Pittsford. Moreover, I am always excited about attending the various community festivals that will take place during the summer months, highlighted by the World Canals Conference held in Rochester this September. For more information on navigating the canal, or for a schedule of upcoming community festivals, I invite you to contact my District Office in Fairport, or visit [www.nycanals.gov](http://www.nycanals.gov). As one of America's oldest and most influential human-built waterways, the Erie Canal truly is an historical treasure that can be found right here in our neighborhoods. I hope to see you walking the canal path this summer!

## CELEBRATING MEMORIAL DAY: MONDAY, MAY 31st



On this Memorial Day we pay tribute to the men and women who have put their lives on the line to stand in defense of our American way of life. There is no greater satisfaction in my job as a legislator than when I am able to honor men and women who have served in the military. It is important that citizens, young and old, understand the significance of the sacrifices these individuals make every day.

The first observance of Memorial Day was in Waterloo, New York on May 5, 1866 when the area conducted the nation's first formal observance of veterans who had died in war. In May of 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a Presidential Proclamation that recognized Waterloo as the birthplace of the holiday. It is important that on a day often associated with the start of summer, family gatherings and picnics, we recognize the individuals who have made this day possible.

Beginning several weeks ago, I was honored to attend the first of many events that will take place in communities throughout my district this weekend.

I am humbled by the brave veterans who have selflessly served our country in order to protect the freedoms that we, as a nation, enjoy today. Their courage and sacrifice constitute the foundation of our freedom, and we will forever owe them a debt of gratitude. Please join me in taking a moment out of your day to honor those who have served. Thank you.

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