



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator LaValle Shares New Year Resolutions

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As 2009 comes to an end, many people are preparing to make New Year resolutions that will hopefully improve their lives and the world as a whole. In keeping with this New Year's tradition, I would like to share some initiatives I hope to see resolved during the coming year.

**BE IT RESOLVED** – while the 2010 budget negotiations will present many challenges, may the Legislature be respectful of one another and mindful of the best interests of the people as we work to bring about a fair and balanced budget.

**BE IT RESOLVED** - that the Legislature thoroughly examine all proposals designed to reduce spending and protect the taxpayer from any new or increased fees and taxes.

BE IT RESOLVED - that we move to adopt a school property tax and state spending cap, restore the STAR rebate check, and eliminate the MTA tax to help relieve the tax burden for our residents and business owners.

BE IT RESOLVED - that we continue to invest in green technologies and alternative energy research to preserve our environment and protect the quality of life for the people of this state.

BE IT RESOLVED - that we address the health needs for people of every socio-economic status and ensure equal access to quality medical care.

BE IT RESOLVED - that we continue to support higher education opportunities as a valuable means for people to achieve their career goals and strengthen our local economy.

BE IT RESOLVED - that any federal stimulus dollars will continue to be used wisely in reducing the cost of a basic quality education.

BE IT RESOLVED - that the incubators at Stony Brook and Calverton, the Center of Excellence in Wireless Technologies, and the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center will help keep us on the cutting edge of emerging technologies and create new jobs.

And, finally, BE IT RESOLVED that 2010 will bring prosperity, peace, health and happiness for the people of the First Senatorial District.