

February 6, 2008

RESOLUTION NO. 48-08

RESOLUTION REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE TO RESCIND  
ITS POSITION REGARDING CLOSURE OF THE HUDSON  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved  
its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Greene County Legislature has been advised that it is the intention of New York State Department of Correctional Services to close the Hudson Correctional Facility, located in the City of Hudson, Columbia County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Correctional Facility employs approximately 270 employees, with an estimated annual payroll of nearly \$13 million dollars, said employees living and contributing to the local economy of both Columbia and Greene Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Correctional Facility and its employees provide valuable community support, labor and services not only to Columbia County, but also to Greene County as well; and

WHEREAS, the closing of the facility, the resultant loss of local jobs, and loss of local business support and patronage is anticipated by this Legislature to have a drastic effect on the local economy of both Columbia and Greene Counties; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Greene County Legislature that such a closure and the related impacts should be more thoroughly analyzed prior to taking any action with such potentially large detrimental community effects; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of its citizens, the Greene County Legislature wishes to adopt a resolution detailing the detrimental impacts of the closure and asking said agency to reconsider its position on the closure of the facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature recognizes the importance of the Hudson Correctional Facility to local jobs, businesses and the overall community, finding that a closure of the facility would have detrimental impacts upon the local community and economy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon the foregoing, the Greene County Legislature hereby supports the Common Council of the City of Hudson, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors and the Village of Catskill's Board of Trustees in their opposition to the proposed closure; and be it further

