

**HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION BY THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST (SENATE BILL S.02598A / ASSEMBLY BILL A.06453)**

**WHEREAS**, the State has requested a Home Rule Message in support of Senate Bill S.02598A and Assembly Bill A.06453 authorizing the Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ (also known as "Common Ground Church"), a not-for-profit church, to file an application for real property tax exemption for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Assessment Rolls; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, did not file an application for tax exemption with the Town Assessor for the subject premises, located at 84 Banana Street, Central Islip, N.Y. 11722 (designated as 0500-186.00-03.00-033.000 on the Suffolk County Tax Map), in the Town of Islip, for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Assessment Rolls; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, joining with the County Executive, hereby requests the New York State Legislature to enact Senate Bill S. 02598A and Assembly Bill A. 06453, which authorizes the Islip Town Assessor to accept from the Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ an application or applications for exemption from real property taxes pursuant to section 420-a of the NEW YORK REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 assessment rolls in order to entitle the Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, to receive, subject to the approval of the Islip Town Board, exemption from taxation for said period and for the refund of any taxes, fines, penalties and interest paid, or the cancellation thereof, subject to the approval of the applicable governing body or taxing department; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate, Dean G. Skelos; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Sheldon Silver; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislature.

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