

RESOLUTION No. 2018-

***RELATIVE TO HOME RULE REQUEST, 1% INCREASE IN OCCUPANCY TAX
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUTURE FUNDING OF THE DISCOVER NIAGARA
SHUTTLE***

BY:

Council Chairman Andrew Touma
Council Member William Kennedy
Council Member Christopher Voccio

WHEREAS, Section 1202-l of the New York State Tax Law allows the City of Niagara Falls to adopt and amend local laws imposing a per diem tax on persons occupying hotel and motel rooms in the City; and

WHEREAS, that rate of tax is presently established at five (5%) per centum per day of the rent or charge for each room; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that this rate of tax be increased from five (5%) per centum per day to six (6%) per centum per day with the additional one (1%) per centum of revenue dedicated to the operation of the Discover Niagara Shuttle; and

WHEREAS, Senator Robert Ortt introduced Senate Bill No. 8418, attached hereto, and Assemblyman Angelo Morinello introduced Assembly Bill No. 10531, attached hereto, which will authorize and empower the City of Niagara Falls to increase the rate of tax from five (5%) per centum per day to six (6%) per centum per day; and

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WHEREAS, in order for the Legislative process to continue, this City Council is requested to adopt a home rule request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York does hereby recognize, acknowledge and support the enactment by the New York State Legislature of Senate Bill No. 8418 and Assembly Bill No. 10531 which will allow the City of Niagara Falls to impose an additional one (1%) per centum occupancy tax in the City of Niagara Falls to benefit the Discover Niagara Shuttle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this City Council is directed to complete and certify the home rule requests and forward copies to the New York State Legislature as required.