

O'Mara and Palmesano: One week to go! Keep voting for Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel!

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Watkins Glen, N.Y., July 27—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R,C,I-Corning) today continued urging residents throughout the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier regions to keep voting every day throughout the final week of

voting to name the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel "America's Best Waterfront Hotel" in *USA Today's* online 10Best Readers' Choice competition.

The Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel in Schuyler County is currently in 3rd Place out of 20 nationwide finalists for the 2017 designation. The competition runs until Wednesday, August 2 at Noon.

Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel earned the title last year.

In a joint statement, O'Mara and Palmesano said, "Let's all keep voting and finish strong in this final week! Finger Lakes and Southern Tier voters have kept the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel near the top among this truly impressive collection of America's best waterfront hotels. It's been an outstanding effort so far and we're proud that we can help rally support for one of our own. We hope everyone will keep voting once a day, every day, from now until August 2nd!"

According to *USA Today*, voters can vote once every 24 hours from every Internet-capable device they have. To vote in the "America's Best Waterfront Hotel" contest, visit the *USA Today* contest page directly at: http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-waterfront-hotel-2017/watkins-glen-harbor-hotel-watkins-glen-n-y/

O'Mara and Palmesano said that the "America's Best Waterfront Hotel" designation would continue to be an effective marketing tool for local leaders and help boost tourism throughout the entire Finger Lakes region.

The nation's 20 finalists were selected by a panel of luxury travel experts together with *USA Today's* 10Best editors who, in addition to their own analyses, reviewed industry awards and guest reviews.

Schuyler County attractions have fared well in *USA Today* Readers' Choice competitions. In addition to the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel, Watkins Glen State Park has been named as the 3rd Best State Park in America.

Last week, Watkins Glen International (WGI) was named "America's Best NASCAR Track" for the second time.