

Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce Home Rule Legislation Amending General Municipal Law Section 239, To Establish That The Jurisdiction Of The Ulster County Commission On Human Rights, In Relation To Matters Within The County Of Ulster, Be Concurrent With The Jurisdiction Of The New York State Commission On Human Rights

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Lopez, Loughran, R. Parete and Rodriguez)

Legislator Hector Rodriguez offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature hereby finds that there is no greater danger to the health, morals, safety, and welfare of the County than the existence of prejudice, intolerance, and antagonism among its residents because of actual or perceived differences, including those based on race, color, religion, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, familial status, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or disability; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Section 239, the County of Ulster is currently authorized to create and maintain a Commission on Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature finds that it is imperative that the jurisdiction of the Ulster County Human Rights Commission, in relation to matters within the County of Ulster, be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the New York State Human Rights Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature hereby seeks to amend New York State General Municipal Law Section 239 to establish that the jurisdiction of the Ulster County Commission on Human Rights, in relation to matters within the County of Ulster, as concurrent with the jurisdiction of the New York State Commission on Human Rights; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby requests that the New York State Legislature introduce home rule legislation amending General Municipal Law Section 239 to include the following language:

Nothing in this article shall be deemed to limit or reduce the powers of the Ulster County commission on human rights, and with respect to such powers, the jurisdiction of the Ulster County commission on human rights, in relation to matters within the County of Ulster, shall be deemed to be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the New York state division of human rights.

Resolution No. 11 February 15, 2017

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and, be it further

RESOLVED, that these intentions be transmitted to New York State Senators George A. Amedore, John J. Bonacic, William J. Larkin, Jr. and James Seward, and New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Frank K. Skartados, Brian D. Miller, and Peter Lopez,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Defeated in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on February 15, 2017

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE