

**Providing For The Burial Of Spouses Of Veterans In The Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery – Veterans' Service Agency**

Referred to: The Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Wawro and Legislators Berky, Delaune, Donaldson and Lopez), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Legislators Mary Beth Maio and James H. Delaune, and Legislators Belfiglio, Fabiano, Gerentine, Lapp, Litts, Lopez, Maloney, R. Parete, Roberts, Ronk, and Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been filed by the County Executive on behalf of the Veterans' Service Agency; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County acknowledges the immeasurable contributions our Veterans have made; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County established a designated cemetery for Veterans by Resolution No. 163, dated May 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County acknowledges that in addition to the sacrifices our Veterans make, their spouses and families make great sacrifices as well including supporting the Veteran and enduring prolonged periods of absence of their loved one; and

WHEREAS, the federal Department of Veterans Affairs provides for the burial and interment of spouses of Veterans in National Veteran Cemeteries without expense to the family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the spouse of an eligible Veteran, as that term is defined by regulations promulgated by the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration, is hereby entitled to be buried in the Ulster County Veterans Cemetery without incurring burial charges; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the spouse of an eligible Veteran is indigent, the County shall pay the associated burial and funeral costs pursuant to the Indigent Veteran Burial Policy first enacted by the Ulster County Legislature by Resolution No. 97, dated April 9, 1981 and subsequently amended, most recently by Resolution No. 369, dated October 21, 2014,

and move its adoption.

**Resolution No. 159      April 18, 2017**

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

Passed Committee: Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services on April 10, 2017

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on April 11, 2017

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**\$8,500.00 – BUDGETED 2017 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS**

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this  
21<sup>st</sup> Day of April, 2017.

Approved by the County Executive this  
27<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2017.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

[s] Michael P. Hein  
Michael P. Hein, County Executive