

**Creating Three Full-Time Caseworker Positions And Amending  
The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Social Services**

Referred to: The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Joseph Maloney, Nolan, Petit and Wawro), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, Joseph Maloney, and Petit)

Chairman of the Public Health and Social Services Committee, Craig V. Lopez, and Deputy Chair Kathy Nolan offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, growing caseloads, fueled by an increase in opioid related addiction, have resulted in a need for additional staffing in both the Preventive and Foster Care Units at the Ulster County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the number of children in foster care over the past twelve months has increased by approximately 29% to 167 youth in care out of their home; and

WHEREAS, within the past year, 48 of 61 children were removed from their homes as a result of investigations by the CPS unit and placed into care because of parental drug use; and

WHEREAS, the severity and complexity of the issues with families and the need for court-ordered services has resulted in an increase of almost 28% in cases over the past year within the Preventive Services unit, with a current caseload of over 300; and

WHEREAS, the strain on existing staff results in challenges meeting requirements, increasing overtime costs, and an increased pressure in meeting State mandates; and

WHEREAS, the data clearly justifies the need for a mid-year increase in staffing to reduce caseloads, assure compliance with New York State mandates, provide quality services to the residents of Ulster County, and avoid potential liability; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Director has created three (3) Caseworker positions (entry grade 13A trainee, Grade 14A full performance) (Full Time) pending Legislative approval and subsequently allocated such to the competitive class of the classified civil service; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the 2018 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>CREATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
6010-1380 (PL#)	Caseworker Grade 13A (Trainee) (Full Time) *Annual Salary Annual Benefits \$25,626 Effective June 1, 2018 (Salary to year end \$26,495) (Benefits to year end \$14,948)	\$45,419.00*
6010-1381 (PL#)	Caseworker Grade 13A (Trainee) (Full Time) *Annual Salary Annual Benefits \$25,626 Effective June 1, 2018 (Salary to year end \$26,495) (Benefits to year end \$14,948)	\$45,419.00*
6010-1382 (PL#)	Caseworker Grade 13A (Trainee) (Full Time) *Annual Salary Annual Benefits \$25,626 Effective June 1, 2018 (Salary to year end \$26,495) (Benefits to year end \$14,948)	\$45,419.00*
	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA.6010.2614-1300.1300	Regular Pay	\$79,484.00
AA.6010.2614-8000.8000	Retirement	\$12,765.00
AA.6010.2614-8010.8010	SS/FICA	\$ 6,081.00
AA.6010.2614-8020.8000 (App. #)	Health Insurance	\$25,991.00
AA.6010.2614-3300.3610	State Aid Social Services Admin.	\$42,781.00
AA.6010.2614-3400.4610 (Rev. #)	Federal Aid Social Services Admin.	\$42,321.00

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	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA.6102.2715-4600.4660	Misc. Contractual Expense Other	\$39,226.00

and moves its adoption

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services on April 30, 2018

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on May 8, 2018

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$ 85,102.00 – INCREASE 2018 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS  
\$ 42,781.00 – INCREASE 2018 STATE REVENUE DOLLARS  
\$ 42,321.00 – INCREASE 2018 FEDERAL REVENUE DOLLARS  
\$        0.00 – NET IMPACT ON 2018 BUDGET

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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 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen, 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 17<sup>th</sup> Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this  
17<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2018.

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

Approved by the County Executive this  
25<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2018.

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