

**Establishing A Policy To Limit Participation In Party Politics By Appointees Of Ulster County Elected Officials**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, Joseph Maloney, and Petit)

Legislators Joseph Maloney and David B. Donaldson offer the following:

WHEREAS, limiting county government appointee's participation in party politics is an effective way to prevent the corrupting influence of party politicians; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature believes that prohibiting appointees of County elected officials from holding any office, other than being a committeeperson, in any political party committee or committee in support of any candidate for county elective office and prohibiting said employees from contributing any sum of money to any committee in support of an Ulster County elected officials' candidacy would directly protect Ulster County residents from corrupting forces and insure the integrity of Ulster County departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Ulster County Legislature has vetted campaign finance reform legislation and this policy is the first step in being fully transparent regarding true reform; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the holding of any office or position of authority within any political party or committee of any political party, other than being a committeeperson, or of any office or position of authority within any committee on behalf of any candidate for an Ulster County elected office by any members of the county executive staff; executive department heads; and any appointees of the Comptroller, County Clerk, District Attorney, Sheriff and Ulster County Legislature is prohibited; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the making of any contribution of any sum of money to any committee on behalf of any candidate for an Ulster County elected office by any members of the county executive staff; executive department heads; and any appointees of the Comptroller, County Clerk, District Attorney, Sheriff and Ulster County Legislature is prohibited,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

**Resolution No. 197      May 15, 2018**

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Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means for one week on May 8, 2018

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on May 15, 2018

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE