

**Authorizing The Chairman To Enter Into A Contract With New York State Department Of State For The Municipal Consolidation And Efficiency Competition (MCEC)**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney), and The Government Efficiency and Review Committee (Chairman J. Parete and Legislators Belfiglio, Briggs, Greene, and R. Parete)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, and Deputy Chairman Thomas J. Briggs offer the following:

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

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York, through the New York State Department of State, has issued a request for applications for a Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition (MCEC) grant; and

WHEREAS, this competitive grant offers the winning applicants a total grant not to exceed \$19,700,000 to facilitate the implementation of the consolidation and efficiency plan; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications to be lead applicant require a municipality to either be a city, town or village with a population of over 50,000, or a County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has qualified among six municipalities eligible to compete for Phase II of the MCEC and submit an application; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has administrative and technical experience in consolidating government functions, developing and/or implementing shared services, and other collaborative government efficiency projects and is qualified to be a lead applicant in this competition; and

WHEREAS, the County has engaged with various municipalities in shared services and consolidations/dissolution activities; and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded \$50,000.00 for the development of a plan to be filed with the Department of State by June 28, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract agreement with any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of State in the amount of \$50,000.00 to engage in preliminary planning, analysis and studying activities related to this proposal,

