

**Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Article 31 Of The New York State Tax Law To Permit The County Of Ulster To Adopt A Local Law To Impose, Collect And Retain A Tax On Real Estate Transfers**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairwoman Archer and Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairman of the Legislature, David B. Donaldson, and Chairwoman of the Ways and Means Committee, Lynn Archer, offer the following:

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a catastrophic effect upon the economy of Ulster County which jeopardizes the continuation of vital County programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the significant loss in County revenue resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic makes it necessary for Ulster County to acquire additional revenue to ensure the continuation for these services and in order to avoid regressive property tax increases; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the New York State Legislature and Governor are requested to pass legislation amending Article 31 of the New York State Tax Law, adding subdivision "H", permitting the County of Ulster to adopt and amend a local law imposing in the County of Ulster a tax on each conveyance of real property or interest therein when the consideration exceeds five hundred dollars, at the rate of one dollar for each five hundred dollars or fractional part thereof; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to submit a Home Rule Request (Request by Local Government for Enactment of a Special Law), pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution upon introduction of the above requested legislation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, this Home Rule Request shall be forwarded the Governor, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Assembly Speaker, Assembly Majority Leader, Assembly Minority Leader, New York State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill and New York State Senator Jen Metzger,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

**Resolution No. 240      August 18, 2020**

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Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on July 14, 2020 for one week

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on July 21, 2020 with consent

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on August 11, 2020 to a Special Meeting on August 13, 2020

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on \_\_\_\_\_.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**TBD – ANNUAL COUNTY TAX REVENUE**