

**Supporting The Passage Of A09415/S06987 To Amend The Empire State Film Production Tax Credit**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio and Rodriguez)

Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Berky, Briggs, Delaune, Donaldson, Greene, Heppner, Loughran, J. Parete, and Rodriguez offer the following:

WHEREAS, New York State established the Empire State Film Production Tax Credit and included an extra tax credit as an incentive to encourage qualified production companies to relocate in Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, the original boundaries delineated as Upstate New York in this Empire State Film Production Tax Credit legislation included Ulster County and 49 counties that coincided with that part of New York State outside the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District (MCTD); and

WHEREAS, the program was expanded with additional tax credits for the period 2015 through 2019 and a new delineation was established that included 42 upstate counties but omitted Ulster County and seven other counties previously included in the program that were outside the MCTD; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has seen the benefits of a growing technology sector and is uniquely positioned with a large number of local residents working in technology fields that are ready to engage in the entertainment industry, creating hundreds of much needed high quality jobs; and

WHEREAS, this oversight may encourage these talented technological and post production trades to move to neighboring counties, some of whom are in the same Congressional, Senate and Assembly districts; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature supports the New York State Assembly's passage of Assembly Bill A09415 and the New York State Senate's passage of Senate Bill S06987 to increase the number of counties in which services can be performed, including Ulster County, to qualify for the Empire State Film Production Credit; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assembly and Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly and Senate Local Government Committee Chairmen, all Ulster County elected Assemblymen and Senators,

