

**Authorizing A Sixty (60) Day Extension For Reporting To The  
Ulster County Legislature The Findings And Recommendations Of  
The Ulster County Coalition Against Narcotics**

Referred to: The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Litts and Provenzano), and The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Fabiano, Provenzano, Ronk and Wishnick)

Legislators Carl Belfiglio, David Donaldson, John Parete, and Mary Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 371, dated October 21, 2014, the Ulster County Legislature delegated the authority to the Ulster County Coalition Against Narcotics to study ways in which to identify how individuals can be helped, identify other ways to prevent abuse, and identify ways in which to protect the public from opiate drug abuse in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 371 of 2014, the Ulster County Coalition Against Narcotics was to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the County Legislature no later than six months after its first meeting for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, the review and assessment of intervention, treatment, education and prevention resources within Ulster County were identified as the principle focus of the coalition, thus an Intervention and Treatment sub-committee and an Education and Prevention sub-committee were formed to assist with the research and investigation, with an eye towards forming policy recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the sub-committees have met frequently, individual members have attended state and national conferences on the subject matter, members recently testified at a June 2, 2015 hearing of the State Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction examining the issues facing communities in the wake of increased heroin abuse; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2015 the coalition met with the Commissioner of the Ulster County Department of Health to discuss services currently provided in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, due to the volume and complexity of the subject matter, and the ongoing meaningful discussions that the Coalition has been conducting, it is now necessary to request an extension of sixty (60) days for the submission of said report; now, therefore be it,

