Resolution No. 259 July 21, 2015

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,

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Coalition Against Narcotics is hereby authorized a sixty (60) day extension to September 15, 2015 to report its findings and recommendations to the Ulster County Legislature at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, 244 Fair Street, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, NY,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Maio)

Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services on July 6, 2015

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on July 6, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE

STATE OF NEW YORK ss: COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 21st Day of July in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 23^{rd} Day of July in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk Ulster County Legislature