

**Amending The Rules Of Order Prohibiting Legislative Meetings On Certain Jewish Holidays**

Referred to: The Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee (Chairman Kovacs and Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Levine, and Uchitelle)

Legislator Aaron J. Levine offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature considers and evaluates all proposed legislation through an open meeting system; and

WHEREAS, ability to observe all legislative actions is essential for transparency, and public input regarding such actions is highly encouraged by the Ulster County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, allowing maximum participation in government strengthens democracy, ensures policies reflect community needs, and builds trust between citizens and government; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature respects religious freedom, fosters inclusivity, and promotes cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Legislature deems it appropriate to prohibit conduction of legislative meetings on certain Jewish holidays; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Rule 10. A. 2. of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature, entitled “Monthly Meetings” is amended to read as follows:

2. If a regular meeting falls on a holiday, **including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot (first two and last two days), Passover (first two and last two days), Shavuot, and** September 11, or if the Chairperson determines the safety and welfare of the public and members may be compromised due to inclement weather or any other emergency, said regular session or committee meetings shall be held on another day designated by the Chairperson.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this rule change shall take effect upon an affirmative vote of this body subsequent to two consecutive readings,

and move its adoption.

**FIRST READING:** May 20, 2025

**SECOND READING:** June 17, 2025

## Resolution No. 266

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)

Passed Committee: Laws, Rules and Government Services on May 15, 2025

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

STATE OF NEW YORK  
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 17<sup>th</sup> Day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Five, 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 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature