

**Adopting The Ulster County Department Of Health And Emergency Services Medical Reserve Corps Unit Organization And General Operation Policy – Department Of Emergency Services**

Referred to: The Health, Human Services and Housing Committee (Chairman Uchitelle and Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, and Stewart), The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Hansut and Legislators Bowen, Hewitt, Fabiano, and Uchitelle), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Criswell, Roberts, and Ronk)

Chairwoman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, Gina Hansut, Deputy Chair Chris Hewitt, and Legislators Heppner and Stewart offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the Ulster County Executive on behalf of Department of Emergency Communications/ Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County government is highly dependent on the use of medical and non-medical volunteers to respond to community health needs during disasters and other public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Ulster County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is to engage community-minded volunteers in the support of the County's Department of Health and Department of Emergency Services with promoting health, preserving life, and preventing disability during times of disaster and/or community need; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County acknowledges that the Medical Reserve Corps is a partner program of Citizens Corps, a national network for volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Corps, along with the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Peace Corps, and a part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, promote volunteerism and service nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain in compliance with mandates of Federal, State and Local Law, if any provision of this policy is changed or becomes in conflict with Federal, State or Local Law, such Law will preempt the policy, and revision(s) will be made accordingly; and

WHEREAS, volunteers will be provided with notice that revisions have been made and the location of the revised policy(s); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Department of Health and Department of Emergency Services Medical Reserve Corps Policy, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, is hereby adopted,

**Resolution No. 336      June 13, 2023**

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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Health, Human Services and Housing on May 31, 2023

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on June 1, 2023

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means for one week on June 6, 2023

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$55,000.00 – 2023 BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS