

**Amending The Indigent Veteran Burial Policy To Equalize the Reimbursement Rates For Burial And Cremation Services**

Referred to: The Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Donaldson and Legislators Archer, Gregorius, Lopez, and Wawro), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Bartels, Belfiglio Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, and Rodriguez)

Legislator Jeanette Provenzano and Legislators Gregorius, Lopez and Ronk offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County has recognized the responsibility to provide payment for burial and cremation services for indigent Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Policy for Veteran's Burial was set in Resolution No. 97 on April 9, 1981 and amended in Resolution No. 311 on October 15, 1981, Resolution 331 on October 11, 1984, Resolution 346 on December 4, 1997, and Resolution No. 101 on April 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County acknowledges the immeasurable contributions our Veterans have made; and

WHEREAS, the current schedule for reimbursement establishes different reimbursement amounts for burial and direct or full cremation services; and

WHEREAS, direct cremation will stay the same; however, the equal reimbursement rate for burial and full cremation services of interment is a more equitable policy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby approves and adopts the amendment as attached in Schedule A to the Ulster County Indigent Veteran Burial Policy to reflect reimbursement rates that are equal for burial and full cremation services of interment,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

