Designating The Ulster County Department Of The Environment As The County's Water Quality Management Agency Pursuant To New York State County Law, Article 5 § 220-A

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, and Deputy Chairman Thomas J. Briggs offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted in conjunction with the 2018 Executive Budget; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County's waters are essential to the health and welfare of all its citizens as well as to the function of biologic communities; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and improving the quality of Ulster County's waters are crucial to water supply, recreation, tourism, agriculture, industry, aesthetics as well as to the overall quality of life in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the County has an ongoing responsibility to meet the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Phase II Stormwater Program (also known as the MS4 program) which requires coordination regarding storm water management; and

WHEREAS, the County has an ongoing need and responsibility in drinking water protection and watershed management planning; and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to working towards increasing the resilience of our water systems and identifying and addressing significant changes due to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Department of the Environment is designed to serve as a coordinating entity in County government working with county department and agencies involved in various environmental initiatives; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Ulster County Legislature hereby designates the Ulster County Department of the Environment as the County's Water Quality Management Agency pursuant to New York State County Law Article 5 § 220-A,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Referred to Energy and Environment Committee by Ways and Means Committee on December 4, 2017

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment on December11, 2017

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on December 12, 2017

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 19th Day of December in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen, 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 21st Day of December in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

<u>|s| Victoria A. Fabella</u> Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this 21st Day of December, 2017.

Approved by the County Executive this 28th Day of December, 2017.

<u>|s| Victoria A. Fabella</u> Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk Ulster County Legislature <u>|s| Michael P. Hein</u> Michael P. Hein, County Executive