

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Research Foundation For The State University Of New York To Assist And Coordinate Technology, Analysis, And Educational Services For The Ulster County Public Defender Counsel At First Appearance Program**

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, and Rodriguez), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, Thomas J. Briggs, and Deputy Chairman Ronald G. Lapp, Jr. offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender has requested that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Research Foundation for the State University of New York for the purpose of Ulster County's participation in the New York State distribution of a portion of Indigent Legal Services funds; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of this distribution are (1) to enhance public defense services, and (2) comply with recently established law to have attorneys present at the defendant's initial appearance before the court (arraignments); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Research Foundation for the State University of New York for the purpose of Ulster County's participation in the distribution of Indigent Legal Services Fund, for the period of June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2019, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, in consultation with the Chairman of the Legislature and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, if funding for this program is eliminated, County participation will be reviewed by the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee and the Ways and Means Committee of the Ulster County Legislature,

and move its adoption.

