

Extending The Term Of Insurance Coverage For A Family Of A Corrections Officer Who Died In The Line Of Duty

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman Kenneth Ronk, Jr. and Legislators Belfiglio, Fabiano, Gerentine, Lapp, Litts, Lopez, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, Roberts, and Wawro offer the following:

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

WHEREAS, Sergeant Kerry Winters was a 31 year veteran of the Corrections Division of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Winters was trained across disciplines and was a member of the Sheriff's Office Water Rescue Team; and

WHEREAS, the Water Rescue Team is comprised of Deputies as well as Corrections Officers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Winters died on September 22, 2016 while performing a training exercise with the Water Rescue Team; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 a provision was added to the Ulster County Sheriff's PBA agreement that provided for 18 months of continued health insurance coverage for the family of a Deputy who died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, since Sergeant Winters was a Corrections Officer as opposed to a Deputy, he was not a member of the PBA and therefore not covered by that insurance extension provision; and

WHEREAS, the Water Rescue Team represents a unique situation in that its members perform the same life-saving functions but are covered by different labor agreements and are therefore eligible for different benefits; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Winters is survived by his wife and two sons; and

WHEREAS, it would be unjust in this unique situation to not extend the insurance coverage provision to Sergeant Winter's family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the family of Sergeant Kerry Winters shall have the option of electing health insurance coverage for a period of 18 months commencing when this resolution is effective; and, be it further

Resolution No. 452 November 22, 2016

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RESOLVED, that the administration of extending the health insurance coverage be done consistent with that of the Ulster County Sheriff's PBA, and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on November 15, 2016

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$ 5,942.00 – ADDITIONAL 2016 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS
\$40,219.00 – ANTICIPATED 2017 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS
\$14,747.00 – ANTICIPATED 2018 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

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 22nd Day of November in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen, 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 23rd Day of November in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
23rd Day of November, 2016.

Approved by the County Executive this
30th Day of November, 2016.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive