Resolution No. 534 December 18, 2019

Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Accept Laptops And Tablets From The New York State Association Of Counties And The New York State Department Of Health To Aid In The Battle Against The Opioid Epidemic – Department Of Health And Mental Health

Referred to: The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Collins, Brenda Maloney, Nolan, and Petit)

Chairman of the Public Health and Social Services Committee, Craig V. Lopez, and Deputy Chair Kathy Nolan offer the following:

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

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster continues to vigilantly fight the opioid epidemic to protect our residents' health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, one key in this fight is the County Medical Examiner's ability to identify and track opioid related and other violent deaths; and

WHEREAS, providing the County's Medical Examiner with tools such as laptops and tablets which they can take into the field will assist in the opioid fight, as this will help the County's Medical Examiner collect more accurate data; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has been awarded up to three (3) tablets and two (2) laptops equipped with software through a partnership program between the New York State Association of Counties ("NYSAC") and the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH"), in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, the software included with the tablets will ease the burden of required Medical Examiner reports for programs such as the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Fatal Accident Reporting System ("FARS") and the NYSDOH National Violent Death Reporting System, and will assist with creating counts of specific types of deaths when requested; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Executive is hereby authorized to accept the tablets and laptops on behalf of the Ulster County Department of Health,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:21NOES:0(Absent: Legislators Eckert and Fabiano)

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Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services on December 5, 2019

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 18th Day of December in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen, 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 20th Day of December in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this 20th Day of December, 2019.

<u>|s| Victoria A. Fabella</u> Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk Approved by the County Executive this 24th Day of December, 2019.

<u>|s| Patrick K. Ryan</u> Patrick K. Ryan, County Executive