

**Resolution Declaring May 15, 2012 To Be “Mayday For Mandate Relief” And Urging The Mandate Relief Council To Take Swift Action In Submitting A Package Of Mandate Relief Proposals To Governor Cuomo And The State Legislature To Be Voted On This Session**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Harris, Maio, Maloney, Gregorius, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

Chairman Bernardo and Legislator Richard Gerentine, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee offer the following:

WHEREAS, the State of New York mandates (requires) the delivery of State programs using local resources, causing some counties to dedicate more than 80 percent of their entire budget toward the funding of State mandated programs and fixed costs, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties has identified just 9 state mandates that equal 90 percent of all county property taxes levied in 2010 (outside of New York City), consuming \$4 billion of \$4.4 billion in county property taxes levied. These mandates include: Medicaid, TANF/Public Assistance Safety Net, Child Welfare Protective and Preventive Care, Special Education Pre-School, Early Intervention, Probation, Indigent Defense, Youth Detention, and Pensions, and

WHEREAS, these State mandates are the root cause of high county property and sales taxes in New York and have led to a decline in the delivery of important local services, and

WHEREAS, these State imposed mandates continue to contribute to New York’s highest in the nation local tax burden for residents and businesses, severely damaging New York’s ability to attract, create and maintain good paying jobs, as well as contributing to population losses to other states, and

WHEREAS, when the State enacted a property tax cap in 2011, a Mandate Relief Council was established to review specific mandates and advance legislative proposals to reduce the statutory and regulatory burden on municipalities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ulster County hereby declares May 15, 2012 to be “Mayday for Mandate Relief” to demonstrate that the decisions made in Albany have a direct impact on the property tax levy and local community services here in Ulster County, and be it further

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RESOLVED, that Ulster County hereby calls on the Mandate Relief Council take swift action in submitting a package of Mandate Relief proposals to Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to be voted on by our State Representatives during the 2012 State Legislative Session, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, members of the New York State Legislature and all those deemed necessary and proper,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Passed Committee: Ways and Means Committee on May 8, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
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COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

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Karen L. Binder, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature