

Spending Of Federal Economic Renewal Grants To The County Of Ulster

The Labor Relations Committee (Chairman Terpening and Legislators Decker, Donaldson, Hochberg, Stoeckeler, Gerentine, Harris and Maloney) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment, and

WHEREAS, those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services, and

WHEREAS, Congress has approved and President Obama has signed into law a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects and other projects that will require manufactured components, and

WHEREAS, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring the economic vitality of our communities, and

WHEREAS, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy, and

WHEREAS, any economic recovery plan spending should – to every extent possible – include a commitment from the County of Ulster to buy materials, goods and services for projects from companies that are produced within the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place, and

WHEREAS, the Labor Relations and Negotiation Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we the undersigned will work to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed, and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that we commit to purchasing only products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided to the County of Ulster by the American taxpayers, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that as Legislators of the County of Ulster, we commit to publish any requests to waive these procurement priorities whenever and wherever possible so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Governor David Paterson, New York State Comptroller's Office, United States Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Senate Majority Leader Malcolm Smith, Senate Minority Leader Dean G. Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Peter Lopez and Frank K. Skartados, the National Association of Counties and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 26 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Dart, Maloney,
Provenzano, Roberts, Shapiro and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

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 7th Day of April, 2009, 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 9th Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Nine.

|s| Mary L. Carey
Mary L. Carey, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this

9th Day of April, 2009.

|s| Mary L. Carey
Mary L. Carey, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this

9th Day of April, 2009.

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