

## **Creating The E-Ulster Initiative**

The Administrative Services Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Bischoff, Cahill, Kraft, Stoeckeler, Aiello and Every) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ushers in new technologies, and

WHEREAS, members of the Ulster County Legislature recognize the importance of integrating new technology in local governments to enable their constituencies, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Government will enable citizens to interact and communicate with the various departments and/or elected officials to provide the best possible form of government, and

WHEREAS, members of the Ulster County Legislature recognize their responsibility to protect the environment and provide paperless transactions where possible, and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Services Committee has met and recommend the following initiatives to be instituted as soon as possible, and

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature hereby supports empowering residents to have better access to their representatives by implementing the following e-government initiatives:

- All forms and documents will be posted as online documents and/or made available for downloading via the Ulster County website
  - The ability to pay taxes and other fees via a secure Ulster County website or through direct withdrawal
  - Common email addresses for all County elected and appointed officials
  - Establishing Voice Mail and Web pages for all Legislators
  - Constituent request for information forms for each department
  - Constituent Services Scheduling via the Ulster County Web page
  - Better intra-departmental communication through e-sharing
  - Secure Employee feedback link to departmental superior/committee chair,
- and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all departments look for additional opportunities to take advantage of new technology to make more Ulster County services available to Ulster County residents and other customers of Ulster County services, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that affected departments will work together to ensure this resolution comes to fruition in a timely fashion,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Aiello and Sheeley)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
UNKNOWN

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