

Requesting The New York State Legislature And The Governor To Support Funding Of Grant Money To Municipalities For Charter Creation Or Revision Expenditures

Legislators Bischoff, Harris, R.S. Parete and Terpening, on behalf of the Charter Transition Team, offer the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has found that development of modernized county and city government is necessary and desirable to effectuate state purposes in as much as said governments are called upon to implement state programs to provide for the health and welfare of the citizens of the state, and in many cases are the recipients of substantial state assistance, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule, Article 4, Part 3, §38, state financial aid shall be granted to counties and cities in order to encourage and promote the development and revision of charter government at both the county and city level so that county and city governments will be more efficient, more effective and more responsive to the needs of the people, to particularly reimburse authorized charter expenditures in the manner and subject to the conditions prescribed in the aforementioned section, and

WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule, Article 4, Part 3, §38 authorizes the Office for Local Government to allocate grant money to municipalities for charter creation or revision expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned section of the Municipal Home Rule provision has been in effect for 26 years and has never been funded, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County's new charter takes effect January 1, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports the funding of grant money to municipalities for charter creation or revision expenditures.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature calls upon the New York State Legislature and the Governor to support funding of grant money to municipalities for charter creation or revision expenditures pursuant to Municipal Home Rule, Article 4, Part 3, §38, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Eliot Spitzer, New York State Comptroller's Office, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader Malcolm Smith, 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.

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Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Peter Lopez and Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Every and Felicello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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