

Authorizing An Expenditure To Reduce The Local Municipalities Proportionate Cost Of The Safety Net Program

Legislator Walter G. Frey, Jr., Chairman of The Health and Human Services Committee (Chairman Frey and Legislators Harris, Maio, Petit, Ronk, Briggs, Loughran, Robert Parete and Stoeckeler) and Legislator James Maloney offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Safety Net Program is a valuable resource for individuals in need within Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, New York State has historically covered 50% of the cost of the Program and Ulster County's balance was paid by the local municipalities, and

WHEREAS, New York State has notified Ulster County that the State will now only contribute 29% of the Program cost, and this reduction in state aid is retroactive to January 1, 2011, and

WHEREAS, this cost-shifting imposed by New York State would prove to be a substantial expense and burden on the local municipalities, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has been advised of an estimated increase in Federal aid through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ulster County shall expend an amount equal to the increased amount of TANF aid, estimated to be \$1,300,000.00, but in no event in excess of the actual additional TANF aid received, from the fund balance in an effort to reduce the local municipalities' cost of the Safety Net Program and attempt to maintain the historical funding ratio of 50%, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Ulster County will only offset amounts actually incurred by the local municipalities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this expenditure to assist the local municipalities shall be for 2011 only, and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to appropriate the said funds from the County Fund Balance as may be necessary to effectuate accurate accounting principles,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
STATE AID REDUCTION – FAMILY ASSISTANCE
STATE AID REDUCTION – SAFETY NET
FEDERAL AID INCREASE – FAMILY ASSISTANCE

NO 2011 COUNTY IMPACT

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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 21st day of June, 2011, 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 23rd Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.

/s/ Karen L. Binder
Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
23rd Day of June, 2011.

/s/ Karen L. Binder
Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this
29th Day of June, 2011.

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