

DESIGNATING THE ULSTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AS THE COUNTY'S WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE COUNTY LAW, ARTICLE 4 § 220-a

The Environmental and Consumer Affairs Committee (Chairman Hathaway, and Legislators DePew, Harris, Meyer, Bartels, Richard Parete and Shapiro) and Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Busick, Cummings, Every, Felicello, Gerentine, Maloney, McAfee, Noonan, Roberti, Stock and Tipp

WHEREAS, Ulster County's waters are essential to the health and welfare of all its citizens and natural biologic communities, and

WHEREAS, municipal surveys conducted at the local level throughout the County as part of the comprehensive planning process have indicated that water quality protections is one of the highest rated concerns of the citizens of the County, and

WHEREAS, maintaining and improving the quality of Ulster County's waters are crucial to outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing, boating, irrigation for agricultural purposes, commercial uses and for aesthetic reasons associated with the general quality of life, and

WHEREAS, enactment of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Phase II Storm Water Program requires interagency and intergovernmental coordination for the purposes of storm water management, and

WHEREAS, such coordination is desirable for strengthening the County's ability to secure outside funding from grants and other sources for the protection or improvement of water quality, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Environmental Management Council is responsible for effectively coordinating environmental matters among all agencies of the County as authorized by Resolution No. 222 dated November 9, 1972, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Environmental Management Council has a demonstrated expertise in water quality management and has been recognized locally, regionally and nationally for its leadership role in water quality protection.

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby designates the Ulster County Environmental Management Council (EMC) as the County's water quality management agency pursuant to New York State County Law Article 5 § 220-a,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 26 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Felicello & DePew)

Legislator Harris left 11:17 PM

Legislator Every left 10:53 PM

Legislator Stock left 11:50 PM

Legislator Stoeckeler left 12:15 AM

Legislator Hyatt left 12:15 AM

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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