

Recognizing The First Week Of June 2008 As National CPR/AED Awareness Week

The Health Services Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Briggs, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Petit, Roberti and Ronk) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross and American Heart Association have joined to applaud federal legislation that would designate the first week of June as “National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Week, and

WHEREAS, approximately 300,000 Americans suffer sudden cardiac arrest each year and more than 90 percent of them pass away before reaching the hospital,

WHEREAS, chances of survival are increased dramatically if CPR/AED resources are available and utilized within the first 10 minutes after sudden cardiac arrest, and

WHEREAS, the goal of a National CPR and AED awareness week is to encourage states, cities, and towns to establish well-organized programs that provide CPR and AED trainings and increase public access to AEDs, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports the placement of AEDs in all County owned and leased buildings by allocating significant resources, and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association and most Emergency Medical Service (EMS) responders advocate the “chain of survival,” which represents the four crucial links of the emergency treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The links are: 1) Early Access to Care 2) Early Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, or CPR 3) Early Defibrillation 4) Early Advanced Care.

RESOLVED, that Ulster County takes part in the National CPR/AED Awareness Week, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution be distributed to the American Heart Association, American Red Cross and to the sponsors of National CPR/AED Awareness Week, U.S. Representatives John R. “Randy” Kuhl, Jr. (NY), and Dan Boren (OK),

and moves its adoption.

Resolution No. 158 May 14, 2008

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Hansut)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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