

**Dissolving The Global Warming Committee And Creating A Climate Smart Committee**

Legislator Laura Petit and Co-Sponsors: The Governmental Services and Administration Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Fabiano, Ronk, Robert Parete, Madsen and Rodriguez) offer the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ulster County Charter Section C11(k) and the Administrative Code: "Section A2-5 (11) Powers and duties of the Legislature. Among such powers and duties, but not by way of limitation, it shall have the power: *to conduct studies and investigations in furtherance of its legislative functions, and in connection therewith, to obtain and employ professional and technical advice, appoint citizens' committees, commissions and boards, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of books, papers and other evidence deemed necessary or material to such studies or investigations,*" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 139 dated April 11, 2007, the Ulster County Legislature created a Global Warming Advisory Committee which made recommendations and an annual report that was incorporated into the County Energy Efficiency policy and Ulster Tomorrow as an initial step forward to address Global Warming, and

WHEREAS, the Committee consisted of eight members, who were appointed by the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature and consisted of : (1) one representative from an environmental organization; (2) one Legislator from the Public Works Committee; (3) one representative from the Ulster County Area Transit; (4) upon, its establishment, one representative from the County department responsible for environmental affairs; (5) one Legislator from the Ulster County Environmental Committee; (6) one representative from the business community; (7) one representative from town or village government; (8) and one member of the Ulster County Environmental Management Council, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. xx dated July 19, 2011, the County will continue to strive to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ulster County is committed to taking the lead in addressing climate change, energy reduction and sustainability, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the original Global Warming committee shall be dissolved and re-established as the Climate Smart Committee for the purpose of taking a comprehensive approach to implement future policies and programs at the County government level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiencies, promote local job growth, increase economic activity and resiliency, improve quality of life, and promote social justice, and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the membership of the Climate Smart Committee shall be comprised of five members, who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature (1) one representative from an environmental organization; (2) one Legislator from the Governmental Operations and Environmental Services; (3) one Legislator from the Public Works and Capital Projects; (4) one representative from the business community; and (5) one representative from town or village government, and be it further

RESOLVED, after consultation with and approval of the County Executive, the Climate Smart Committee will seek input from the Department of the Environment, the Department of Public Transportation (UCAT) and the Environmental Management Council, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive may appoint staff from the Executive branch of government to assist the Climate Smart Committee in its work,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Legislator Provenzano motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to refer the resolution back to committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31

NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Felicello and Hansut)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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**REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE**