

In Support Of The Findings Of The Special Task Force On The Golden Hill Health Care Center And Requesting That The County Executive Administrate The Course Of Action That He Finds Best Financially And Socially For The Residents Of The County Of Ulster

Legislator Walter G. Frey, Jr., Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee offers the following:

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster owns and controls certain property known as the Golden Hill Health Care Center, and

WHEREAS, the County Executive stated in his 2010 State of the County Address that “it is imperative we address the Golden Hill Healthcare Facility...The longstanding needs of the structure can no longer be ignored,” and

WHEREAS, the County Executive further stated in his 2010 State of the County Address that “I am asking this Legislature to embrace its policy role and decide once and for all:

Is it right that New York State underfunds Golden Hill? And will you make the definitive policy decisions associated with Golden Hill?,” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 115 dated April 20, 2010, “Creating A Special Task Force To Study The Policy Decisions Needed To Examine The Long Term Financial Viability Of The Golden Hill Health Care Center,” a nine (9) member Special Task Force was created to study the policy decisions needed to examine the long term financial viability of the Golden Hill Health Care Center and all matters related thereto, and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2010, the Golden Hill Task Force released its findings, and

WHEREAS, in January 2011, Legislator Walter G. Frey, Jr., Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, announced Public Informational Meetings which were scheduled and held during the month of February 2011, allowing for public input on the future of the Golden Hill Health Care Center, and

WHEREAS, the findings of the Special Task Force on the Golden Hill Health Care Center find no faults with the current policy which is that there is Golden Hill Health Care Center, owned and operated by the County of Ulster but do recognize that further action is required, and

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WHEREAS, the issues concerning the Golden Hill Health Care Center are financial and operational, and therefore, fall under the purview of the County Executive, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ulster County Charter Section C-25 and the Administrative Code Section A3-4. "Powers and duties of County Executive:

The County Executive shall be the chief executive and administrative head of the County. The County Executive shall be responsible for the administration of all County affairs. Except as may be otherwise provided in the Charter, he or she shall have and exercise all the executive powers and duties conferred by the Charter and/or in law upon a County executive officer or the executive branch of a County government, and all powers and duties necessarily implied or incidental thereto:

B. *Supervise, direct and control the administration of all departments; and*

V. Secure proper accounting for all funds in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles; oversee the physical property of the County; exercise general supervision over all County institutions and agencies; and coordinate the various activities of the County and unify the management of its affairs;"

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby acknowledges that pursuant to the Ulster County Charter Section C-25 and the Administrative Code Section A3-4. "Powers and duties of County Executive:

W. Be responsible for keeping the County Legislature fully advised as to the financial condition and needs of the County and file with the Legislature an annual report of the financial affairs of the County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby supports the findings of the Special Task Force on the Golden Hill Health Care Center as follows:

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- Option No. 1 Continue Status Quo;
- Option No. 2 Partnerships;
- Option No. 3 Renovate Center;
- Option No. 4 Build New Center;
- Option No. 5 Privatize Center;
- Option No. 6 Public Benefit Corporation;
- Option No. 7 Sell Bed License, Building and Grounds;
- Option No. 8 Sell Bed License, Keep Land, Close Center; or
- Option No. 9 Close Center,

and requests that the County Executive administrate whatever course of action he finds the best financially and socially viable for the residents of the County of Ulster, and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TO BE DETERMINED

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