

Urging The Creation Of An Electronic Monitoring System For All Level 3 Sex Offenders In New York State Through The Use Of Global Positioning System (GPS) Technology

Legislator Rodriguez, Berardi, Donaldson, Kraft, Lomita, Loughran, Provenzano, Shapiro, Zimet and Stock offer the following:

WHEREAS, Level 3 Sex Offenders are considered the most dangerous to the welfare of minors under the age of 18, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has at least 27 Level 3 Sex Offenders in the following communities: City of Kingston, Ardonia, Claryville, Ellenville, Glasco, Highland, Lake Katrine, Marlboro, Tillson, Stone Ridge, and West Park, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has no definitive way to track these individuals, and

WHEREAS, GPS technology would be able to track such individuals within 15 feet of their actual location, and

WHEREAS, our sister counties of Westchester, Monroe, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Albany have passed resolutions or executive orders in the past month (June) implementing GPS tracking of sex offenders, and

WHEREAS, S4656-B would implement GPS tracking of Level 3 Sex Offenders by the State at a cost of \$10 million to \$16 million for the State's estimated 4,500 Level 3 Sex Offenders, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has yet to pass such legislation and has not done so for the 2005 Legislative Session.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature directs the Ulster County Sheriff's office, in conjunction with the Criminal Justice Committee, to prepare an estimate and action plan to implement a GPS tracking system for Level 3 Sex Offenders by September 2005, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature urges all Judicial courts within the State and County to use this option for all Level 3 Sex Offenders residing in Ulster County, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, Ulster County supports S4656-B and urges the State Legislature and Governor Pataki to implement GPS tracking for the entire State Level 3 Sex Offender population, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz, Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Daniel Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
UNKNOWN

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REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE