

**Supporting The Passage Of The Younger Americans Act In The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress With One Amendment That It Ensure A Formal Structure On The Local County Level For The Implementation Of The Younger Americans Act**

The Human Development Committee (Chairman Kraft and Legislators Distel, Liepmann, Loughran, R.A. Parete, Harris and Noonan) offers the following:

WHEREAS, legislation has not yet been introduced in the 110<sup>th</sup> session of the United States Congress to enact the Younger Americans Act, modeled on the successful Older Americans Act, and

WHEREAS, the Younger Americans Act will create a National youth policy and will mobilize America's communities to ensure that all youth have access to the competencies and character development resources they need to be fully prepared adults and effective citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Younger Americans Act will focus on ensuring all young people access to ongoing relationships with caring adults, safe places with structured activities during the non-school hours, physical well-being and mental health, marketable skills and competencies through education and youth development, and opportunities to give back through community service and civic participation, and

WHEREAS, the Younger Americans Act will provide approximately \$2 billion nationally for youth development and delinquency prevention programs in the out-of-school hours that are planned and delivered on the local community level of which Ulster would obtain approximately \$152,000.00 for local programs, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Ulster County supports its New York State Senators and Representative in their continued co-sponsorship the Younger Americans Act because it will marshal Federal resources on implementing a National policy which recognizes that providing services to young people now will lead to an increasingly productive citizenry, reduce crime, enrich the lives of countless Americans and build stronger local communities, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature resolved its support for this legislation in March 2001 as it does today, and

WHEREAS, the Human Development Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby urge our Nation's lawmakers to support the passage of the Younger American's Act in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress with one amendment that it ensure a formal structure on the local County level for the implementation of the Younger Americans Act,

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, United States Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, and the National Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)  
(Legislator Stoeckeler left at 8:05 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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