

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS FOR PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Cummings and Legislators Busick, Noonan, Stock, Tipp, Dart, Feldmann, Lomita and Parete) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Legislature pursuant to Resolution 103 of March 11, 2004 authorized the Chairman to enter into contracts with NYS Agriculture and Markets in relation to a grant for the purchase of development rights, and

WHEREAS, the funds available from this grant now vary from the amounts set forth in such Resolution,

RESOLVED, the Chairman is authorized to enter into appropriate agreements with NYS Agriculture and Markets for the Purchase of Development Rights in such an amount as may be reflected in the agreements provided and in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature or with modifications as approved by the County Attorney, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with NYCRR part 617 (SEQRA) the Legislature finds that the implementation of this project will not have a significant impact on the environment and that a Negative Declaration will be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 33 NOES: 0

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$ 1,031,008.00 – NYS REVENUE – FISCAL YEARS 2004 THROUGH 2005

\$ 335,336.00 – LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FROM VARIOUS CONSERVATION AGENCIES

\$ 8,332.00 – COUNTY KIND COUNTY SERVICES

\$ 1,374,676.00 – TOTAL PROJECTS COSTS