Supporting The Full Restoration Of Homeland Security Funding To New York State

The Criminal Justice and Safety Committee (Chairman Dart and Legislators Distel, Gregorius, R.A. Parete, Zimet, Aiello and Every) and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Bischoff, Cahill, Donaldson, Kraft, Liepmann, Lomita, Loughran, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Sheeley, Stoeckeler and Terpening offer the following:

WHEREAS, New York State as well as other municipal members of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), were tragically impacted by the 911 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, and

WHEREAS, New York State remains a high-risk target for future terrorist attacks, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Homeland Security has announced 2006 grants to New York State are being slashed, and

WHEREAS, Representative Peter T. King, Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, has called the allocation formula flawed and is working along with Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and other New York area Federal Legislators to restore this cutback, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County shares the concerns of New York State in preventing any more such tragedies.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature supports the goals of New York State in protecting the region and backs the full restoration of Homeland Security funding needed to help accomplish these goals, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, United States Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, 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, the National Association of Counties, the New York State Association of Counties, and Representative Peter T. King, Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32NOES: 0(Absent: Legislator Aiello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE

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