Resolution No. 265 October 19, 2010

Requesting A Performance Audit And Investigation Of The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Legislator Laura Petit, Co-Sponsors: The Environmental Subcommittee (Co-Chairmen Petit and Shapiro and Legislators Belfiglio, Robert Parete and Rodriguez), and Multi-Sponsors: The Governmental Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Fabiano, Petit, Ronk, Richard Parete, Robert Parete, Rodriguez and Shapiro) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (hereinafter known as the "Agency") was established under Public Authorities Law Article 8T13-G, March 1, 1987, as a public benefit corporation to manage Ulster County's solid waste and improve environmental quality to the benefit of Ulster County residents, and

WHEREAS, the Agency manages transfer stations and other revenue generating programs which should offset operation costs, and

WHEREAS, through a contract with the County of Ulster, the County may be requested to assist the Agency financially as lawmakers to provide funds in the form of Net Service Fees (NFS) to balance funding needed to maintain the Agency's operation, and

WHEREAS, through a preliminary audit by the County Comptroller's Office, of the Agency's management practices it was found that due diligence may not have been practiced in order for the Agency to become self-sustaining and continue as a financially independent quasi-governmental entity, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature requests a performance audit of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Governmental Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests a performance audit of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency to be performed by the Ulster County Comptroller's Office within the scope and duties contained within the power of his office, to ensure that proper management practices have been used at the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Comptroller's Office reports its findings within 90 days to the Ulster County Legislature,

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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

Legislator Hansut motioned, seconded by Legislator Provenzano to refer the resolution back to the Governmental Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 25 NOES: 7

(NOES: Legislators Bernardo, Hochberg, Madsen,

Robert Parete, Petit, Shapiro and Zimet)

(Absent: Legislator Felicello)

(Legislator Rodriguez arrived at 7:17 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE

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REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE