

Establishing the Ulster County Public Safety Advisory Committee

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Belfiglio, Ronk, Briggs and Maio), The Health and Personnel Committee (Chairman Aiello, Belfiglio, Ronk, R.S. Parete, and Provenzano), and The Social Services Committee (Chairman Wawro and Legislators Lopez, Ronk, R. A. Parete, and Rodriguez)

Legislator Mary Wawro offers the following:

WHEREAS, the year 2012 had 7 separate incidences of mass shootings in the United States which was the highest in recent history; and

WHEREAS, the incidences involved an individual committing violence in a public place; and

WHEREAS, these individuals had a variety of issues that brought them to a point of inflicting harm and causing death; and

WHEREAS, violence and the causes thereof are social, mental health, and law enforcement issues; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse continues to be a prevalent issue in Ulster County, and our prison population continues to demonstrate the strong connection between crime and drug dependence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has an ongoing role in the protection and enhancement of the health, safety, and welfare of Ulster County residents; now, therefore, it be

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Public Safety Advisory Committee is hereby created to study ways in which to identify individuals who are risk of causing violence, identify ways in which these individuals can be helped, identify other ways to prevent violence, **examine how drug abuse and drug related crimes can be reduced**, and identify ways in which to protect people in public places in Ulster County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members **who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature:**

- The Chair of the Ulster County Legislature or her designee;
- ~~Two~~ **One** members from the Ulster County Social Services Committee*,
~~one of~~ whom shall serve as chair;

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- ~~Two~~ **One** members from the Ulster County Health and Personnel Committee*;
- ~~Two~~ **One** members from the Ulster County Law Enforcement Committee*;
- (*At least one of the three appointments representing the above Standing Committees must be a member of the Minority Party)**
- ~~The Ulster County Sheriff or his designee;~~
- ~~The Ulster County District Attorney or his designee;~~
- ~~The County Executive or his designee;~~
- ~~The Director of Ulster County Department of Health or her designee;~~
- ~~The Director of Social Services or his designee;~~
- A member from the Ulster County Supervisors Association;
- A school superintendent;
- **A member of the Ulster County Police Chiefs Association;**
- Two members who are involved in mental health;
- Two members who are residents of Ulster County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Public Safety Advisory Committee will seek input from the Ulster County Sheriff, the Ulster County District Attorney, and after consultation with and approval of the County Executive, the Ulster County Public Health Commissioner, the Commissioner of Ulster County Social Services, and the Director of Ulster County Probation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Public Safety Advisory Committee shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the approval of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Ulster County Public Safety Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation other than for actual and necessary expenses with appropriations made therefore, unless other provided by resolution of the County Legislature, pursuant to Section C-16 of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-11 of the Administrative Code; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Public Safety Advisory Committee shall meet as needed to review current matters of public safety and mental health, ways in which to enhance the welfare of Ulster County residents, identify opportunities to increase safety in public areas such as schools, parks, and malls, identify educational opportunities for law enforcement personnel, and all other things related to public safety; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Public Safety Advisory Committee shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the County Legislature no later than six months after its first meeting for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(Legislator Briggs left at 10:15 PM)
(Absent: Legislator Lopez)

Passed Committee: Health and Personnel AS AMENDED on February 4, 2013

Passed Committee: Social Services AS AMENDED on February 4, 2013

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety AS AMENDED on
February 5, 2013

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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Legislator Ronk motioned, Seconded by Legislator Richard Parete, to amend the resolution by doing the following:

- 1) Adding a fifth WHEREAS as indicated in bold font
- 2) Adding the following language to the first RESOLVED as indicated in bold font, "examine how drug abuse and drug related crimes can be reduced"
- 3) Modifying the Advisory Committee structure, specified in the second RESOLVED, to consist of 11 members instead of 18 members who are appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature, as indicated by striking some of the language and adding the language in bold font
- 4) Adding a third RESOLVED as indicated in bold font

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21

NOES: 0

(Legislator Briggs left at 10:15 PM)

(Absent: Legislator Lopez)

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 19th Day of February, 2013, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 22nd Day of February in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
22nd Day of February, 2013.

Approved by the County Executive this
_____ Day of February, 2013.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Michael P. Hein, County Executive