

Amending The 2006 Ulster County Budget To Accept Donation From Regional Managed Care Organizations To Be Dedicated To Promoting Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus Health Insurance And UlsterRx Programs In Ulster County

The Human Development Committee (Chairman Kraft and Legislators Distel, Liepmann, Loughran, Provenzano, Harris and Noonan), the Health Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Liepmann, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Busick and Roberti) and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Bischoff, Cahill, Dart, Donaldson, Gregorius, Lomita, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Shapiro and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, every industrial nation in the world guarantees their citizens access to essential health care services except the United States where one in eight Americans, 45.6 million people of which do not have any health care insurance and of which 11.2 million are children, and

WHEREAS, the 11.2 million uninsured children in the United States, many live in homes where at least one parent works full-time; and in more than a quarter of these cases, there are two working parents, resulting in over two-thirds of uninsured children who are eligible for Medicaid or separate state programs, and

WHEREAS, New York State has undertaken several major health program initiatives, building on the state's long-standing history of funding a comprehensive health care system for its low-income populations, such as the expansion of the Child Health Program which is part of the State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and the establishment of the Family Health Plus Program, and

WHEREAS, Health insurance coverage matters for children in America, in that it supports a growing and active childhood and healthy adolescence and provides them with access to services they need, and

WHEREAS, certain regional managed health care plans have offered to donate money to the County of Ulster to promote and advertise the existence of the UlsterRx, Child Health Care Plus and Family Health Plus Programs and the eligibility requirements for these programs, specifically GHI, Inc., Fidelis Care and WellCare have each pledged the sum of \$1,500.00 for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, UlsterRx is a worthy and successful prescription program that is available to all residents of Ulster County needing access to affordable prescriptions drugs, and

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Social Services has requested that the 2006 Ulster County Budget be amended to accept the funding, and

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

WHEREAS, the Health Committee has been polled and reviewed said requested with a majority of the members voting approval, and

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

RESOLVED, that the month of November 2006 is hereby declared Child and Family Health Care Awareness Month, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Ulster hereby accepts the donations pledged by the aforementioned regional managed health care plans and for the purposes set forth above, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the promotion and advertising for this Health Care Awareness Program shall be administered through and by the Ulster County Tourism Department as a public information program, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2006 Ulster County Budget be amended as follows:

CREATE

A4-1006-4342 Advertising Services

INCREASE

AMOUNT

A3-2800-2705 (Rev. #)	Gifts and Donations	\$4,500.00
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A4-1006-4342 (App. #)	Advertising Services	\$4,500.00
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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Felicello, Shapiro and Sheeley)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$4,500.00 – ADDITIONAL REVENUE DOLLARS

\$4,500.00 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$ 0.00 – COUNTY DOLLARS