

**Memorializing The Governor And New York State Legislature To Plan For & Establish Appropriate Residential Services For Mentally Ill Sex Offenders**

The Mental Health / Public Health / Residential Services Committee (Chairmen Busick and Roberti and Legislators Alfonso, McAfee, Provenzano, Robert Parete and Stoeckeler) offers the following:

WHEREAS, Megan's Law has brought to the forefront the problem of sexual abuse in our society, and

WHEREAS, the public notification aspect of Megan's Law has created a situation where registered sex offenders are unable to secure stable housing, and

WHEREAS, the creation of this registration requirement without the provision of appropriate housing alternatives has created a crisis in communities across New York State, and

WHEREAS, sex offenders who are also mentally ill may receive treatment and other services from the community mental health system, and

WHEREAS, these individuals require supervised housing arrangements but no such appropriate option exists at this time, and

WHEREAS, communities across New York State are not receiving guidance and direction from state licensing and funding authorities to address this problem, and,

WHEREAS, the Mental Health/Public Health/Residential Services Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby memorializes Governor Pataki and the New York State Legislature to direct the NYS Office of Mental Health to develop a comprehensive plan for providing supervised and secure housing for mentally ill sex offenders, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, 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, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

**Resolution No. 349 November 10, 2004**

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

**REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE**

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