

**Directing That Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County Be Treated In The Same Manner As A County Department For Future Budget Formulation Purposes**

The Economic Development / Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee (Chairman Harris and Legislators Cummings, Felicello, Roberti, Bartels, Loughran and Zimet) offers the following:

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (founded in 1913) in partnership with Federal, State and County Government, provides high quality educational programs and partnerships that build strong and vital communities and address complex societal issues, and

WHEREAS, County Law 224 of the State of New York establishes Cornell Cooperative Extension as a subordinate governmental agency serving to the extent not inconsistent with this status, and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County provides an excellent return on investment – for every one dollar of County funding, an additional four dollars is obtained from State and Federal funds and from program generated revenue, grants, fundraising and other sources, and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's programs are locally determined, based on strong stakeholder input and priority needs identified by the County, and its access to university-based research and education is critically important to the vitality of our local economy, and

WHEREAS, volunteers both lead the organization and greatly multiply program efforts and last year contributed over 17,746 hours, conservatively valued at \$263,173 – the equivalent of 10 full time employees, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development/Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee has met and reviewed said request 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 budget of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County be formulated and renewed in the same manner as a County department for future budget processes,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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**REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE**