

**Requesting The Governor, The Governor-Elect, The New York State Assembly The York State Senate To Hold Public Hearings In Each Of The State's Six Regions Regarding The Hospital Closing Commission's Recommendations**

The Health Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Liepmann, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Busick and Roberti) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Hospital Closing Commission held their final meeting on Monday, November 20, 2006, and

WHEREAS, this meeting was not open to the public, and

WHEREAS, the Hospital Closing Commission will release their recommendations on hospital closings on or around December 1, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Governor, the Governor-Elect, the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly are urged to hold Public Hearings in each of the State's six (6) regions before any recommendations are made public, and

WHEREAS, the public must have the opportunity to review and comment on these recommendations and that the Governor, the Governor-Elect and the New York State Legislature must carefully evaluate the impact these recommendations will have on access to care and the communities that will be affected, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature agrees with the recommendation that Public Hearings should be held regarding the hospital closings before any recommendations are [~~made public~~] acted upon.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature urges the Governor, the Governor-Elect, the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly to hold Public Hearings in each of the State's six (6) regions before any recommendations are acted upon, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Governor Elect Eliot Spitzer, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Daniel L. Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Alfonso and Every)

Legislator Sheeley motioned, seconded by Legislator Cummings to amend the resolution to reflect the recent election, adding Governor-Elect after Governor in the title and throughout the resolution and in the fourth "WHEREAS" changing "made public" (which will appear in [ ] with a double strikethrough) to "acted upon."

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Alfonso and Every)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE