

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Agreement With The New York State Department Of Agriculture And Markets For The Agricultural And Farmland Protection Implementation Grant For Purchase Of Development Rights And Establishment Of Conservation Easements On The Arrowhead Farm (Davis) In The Town Of Rochester – Planning**

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) and Legislators Briggs, Cummings, Kraft, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete and Stoeckeler offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County has been awarded a grant by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, in the amount of \$1,070,175.00 to assist in the farmland preservation efforts with the purchase of development rights and establishing a conservation easement on the Arrowhead Farm (Davis) in the Town of Rochester as part of the County's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has reviewed the environmental assessment form filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature and is aware that the Department of Agriculture and Markets has prepared a generic EIS on the program finding No Significant Impact, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit 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, in accordance with NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA) the Ulster County Legislature finds that the implementation of this project will not have a significant impact on the environment and that a Negative Declaration will be filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to enter into agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to effectuate the Agriculture Farmland Protection Implementation Grant, for the purchase of development rights in the amount of \$1,070,175.00, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approved by the County Attorney,

