

Resolution No. 84 March 19, 2013

Opposing Governor Cuomo's Proposed 2014 Budget Cuts to the NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities' Budget

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Loughran, Maio, Robert Parete and Ronk

Chairman of the Health and Personnel Committee, Robert Aiello, and Deputy Chairman Jeanette Provenzano, offer the following:

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has submitted an amendment to the 2013-2014 proposed New York State budget that makes additional cuts in funding to OPWDD and voluntary agencies that serve people with developmental disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the effect of these proposed funding cuts is that reimbursement for services by agencies will be reduced by \$120 million, or 6% below the current level effective April 1, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Community Services Board moved on March 11, 2013 to advance a memorializing resolution to the Ulster County Legislature expressing the Board's serious concern over these proposed budget cuts, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature realizes that a reduction in funding to voluntary agencies in Ulster County will create hardships to families, lost services for people with disabilities, health and safety risks, layoffs, and critical staff shortages, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster is committed to actively support legislation, regulations and policies that are in the interests of the citizens of Ulster County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Ulster is hereby opposed to further reductions in funding for NYS OPWDD volunteer agencies, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, New York State Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Morelle, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic, William Larkin, and Cecilia Tkaczyk, and Assemblymembers Kevin A. Cahill, Claudia Tenney, Frank K. Skartados, and Peter Lopez,

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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Briggs and Fabiano)

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on March 18, 2013

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TO BE DETERMINED

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 19th Day of March, 2013, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 21st Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.

/s/ Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature