

Supporting Ulster County's Municipal Consolidation And Efficiency Competition (MCEC) Application As Required By The New York State Department Of State In Submission Of The Grant Application

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney), and The Government Efficiency and Review Committee (Chairman J. Parete and Legislators Belfiglio, Briggs, Greene, and R. Parete)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, and Deputy Chairman Thomas J. Briggs offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York, through the New York State Department of State, has issued a request for applications for a Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition (MCEC) grant; and

WHEREAS, this competitive grant offers the winning applicants a total grant not to exceed \$19,700,000 to facilitate the implementation of the consolidation and efficiency plan; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications to be lead applicant require a municipality to either be a city, town or village with a population of over 50,000, or a County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has qualified among six municipalities eligible to compete for Phase II of the MCEC and submit an application; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has administrative and technical experience in consolidating government functions, developing and/or implementing shared services, and other collaborative government efficiency projects and is qualified to be a lead applicant in this competition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston, the Village of Ellenville, the Town of Wawarsing, the Village and Town of Saugerties, the Village and Town of New Paltz, along with numerous special districts, have all expressed interest in participating among the consortium of Ulster County local governments in the competitive grant application; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster commits to utilize citizen input and involvement along with significant outreach to our residents as the potential costs and benefits of consolidation, shared services, and shared facilities are evaluated; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Ulster, and its partners in this application, are committed to saving taxpayers money and preserving the quality of life for residents utilizing innovative solutions including, but not limited to, enhanced shared services agreements, consolidation of departments, and/or shared facilities are implemented; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the County of Ulster expresses its support for participating in the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency application as required by the New York State Department of State in submission of the County's grant application,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on May 9, 2017

Passed Committee: Government Efficiency and Review on May 15, 2017

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$19,700,000.00 POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 16th Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 18th Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
18th Day of May, 2017.

Approved by the County Executive this
23rd Day of May, 2017.

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

|s| Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive