

**Confirming Ulster County's Intention To Join A Network and Internet Bandwidth Consortium And Authorizing Ulster BOCES To Act On Ulster County's Behalf For The Purpose Of Securing A Bid For Internet Bandwidth – Department Of Information Services**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, Maio, and Maloney), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Maloney, and Richard Parete)

Chairman of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee, Thomas J. Briggs, and Deputy Chairman James F. Maloney offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Information Services; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to leverage buying power and reduce expenses, Ulster BOCES, Orange/Ulster BOCES, Dutchess BOCES and Sullivan BOCES (the Four BOCES), which comprise the Mid-Hudson Joint Management Team, to act as a consortium in soliciting bids for network and internet bandwidth to provide an internal network between sites and to connect to the internet; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has been invited to join the consortium along with the Four BOCES; and

WHEREAS, each entity believes that joining a larger group will be beneficial in leveraging a more beneficial price for internet bandwidth than if each acted alone; and

WHEREAS, each BOCES has agreed to designate Ulster BOCES as lead agency and to act on their behalf in securing a bid; and

WHEREAS, once a bid for internet bandwidth is secured, Ulster County shall then have the option of contracting for the bid services or declining to participate further; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby confirms Ulster County's inclusion in an internet bandwidth consortium comprised of Ulster BOCES, Orange/Ulster BOCES, Dutchess BOCES and Sullivan BOCES; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby authorizes Ulster BOCES to act on its behalf in order to secure a bid for internet bandwidth; and, be it further

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and, move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit on August 4, 20153

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on \_\_\_\_\_.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE