

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services To Accept A Grant For The Counsel At First Appearance Project – Office Of The Public Defender

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Fabiano, Provenzano, Ronk, and Wishnick), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Maloney, and Richard Parete)

Chairman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, Thomas J. Briggs, and Deputy Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender has requested that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to execute an agreement (NYS Contract# C000451), and any amendments thereto, in the amount of \$604,776.00 with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the purpose of Ulster County's participation in the Counsel at First Appearance Project for the term June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Counsel at First Appearance project are to: (1) make demonstrable and measureable improvements in the delivery of indigent defense services to eligible persons at a defendant's first appearance before a judge, (2) provide effective representation of indigent persons at their first appearance and promote continuous representation of such persons, and (3) comply with current New York law requiring the representation of individuals' first appearance before a judge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, in the amount of \$604,776.00 with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the purpose of Ulster County's participation in the Counsel at First Appearance Project for the term June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature,

and move its adoption.

Resolution No. 67 February 17, 2015

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on February 3, 2015

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on February 11, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$215,000.00 – YEAR ONE APPROPRIATION DOLLARS (2015-2016)

\$215,000.00 – YEAR ONE STATE REVENUE DOLLARS (2015-2016)

\$194,662.00 – YEAR TWO APPROPRIATION DOLLARS (2016-2017)

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\$194,638.00 – YEAR THREE APPROPRIATION DOLLARS (2017 – 2018)

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