Resolution No. Draft August 12, 2009

Amending The Rules Of Order Regarding Legislative Chairman And Committee Quorums

Chairman David B. Donaldson offers the following:

WHEREAS, Rule 6 of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature, entitled "CHAIRMAN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES", is set forth as follows, in its entirety, as adopted (January 1, 2009) and/or updated by the Ulster County Legislature:

"RULE 6. CHAIRMAN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.

The Chairman shall be a member ex-officio of all legislative committees with a vote thereon. The Chairman's presence at a meeting shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present, thereby increasing the majority vote based upon the number constituting a quorum. Any vacancies occurring during the year on any Standing or Special Committee of the Legislature shall be filled by the Chairman without delay," and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ulster County Legislature to amend Rule 6 of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Laws and Rules Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Rule 6 of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature shall be amended to read as follows:

RULE 6. CHAIRMAN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.

The Chairman shall be a member ex-officio of all legislative committees with a vote thereon. The Chairman's presence at a meeting shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present; however, the presence of the Chairman at such meeting will not increase the number of votes necessary to pass a particular matter ***unless all sitting members are present.*** Any vacancies occurring during the year on any Standing or Special Committee of the Legislature shall be filled by the Chairman without delay," and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Rule 2, entitled "AMENDMENT OF RULES," of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature, this resolution and the amendment proposed herein shall be read at two consecutive meetings of the Ulster County Legislature prior to its adoption, and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that this rule change shall take effect upon an affirmative vote of this body subsequent to two consecutive readings,

and moves its adoption.

FIRST READING: **AUGUST 12, 2009**
SECOND READING: **SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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