

Supporting Appointment Of Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator

The Health Services Committee Chairman Robert Parete and Legislators Hochberg and Richard Parete offer the following:

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") are a branch of emergency services dedicated to providing out-of-hospital acute medical care and/or transport to definitive care, to patients with illnesses and injuries which the patient, or the medical practitioner, believes constitute a medical emergency, and

WHEREAS, the goal of emergency medical services is to provide treatment to those in need of urgent medical care, with the goal of satisfactorily treating the injury / illness , and arranging for timely transportation of the patient to the next level of definitive care, and

WHEREAS, the term Emergency Medical Service evolved to reflect a change from a simple transportation system (ambulance service) to a system in which actual medical care occurred in addition to transportation, and

WHEREAS, in Ulster County, it is volunteers and career personnel, who serve as the backbone of the local Fire Departments, Emergency Responders and Ambulance Squads and we in County government recognize these Emergency Responders and are committed to supporting them to ensure the safety of all Ulster County's residents and visitors. The EMS Coordinator works closely with the Ulster County Office of Emergency Management, Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Council, Ulster County Fire Advisory Board, Ulster County Fire Coordinators, Law Enforcement, Ulster County Department of Health and the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council. The EMS Coordinator is the Ulster County contact person for the New York State Dept of Health, Bureau of EMS, to pass information and possible funding sources for EMS education and preparedness to the EMS / Fire agencies of Ulster County. The EMS Coordinator is a resource for the Emergency Service Agencies and is there to assist them and assist with coordination of resources during a multi jurisdictional response, and

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

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature supports the Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Council's appointment of Richard K. Parrish to the position of the Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, and be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator shall issue a biennial report to the County Legislature and County Executive,

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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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