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Health Services Committee Urges Participation In
Ulster County Heart Safe Community Task Force Program

The Ulster County Legislature's Health Services Committee urges businesses, municipalities and community organizations to participate in the Ulster County Heart Safe Community Task Force Program initiative today to help save lives.   Heart Safe is a program created by the Legislature that recognizes local partners for placing Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in their facilities and certify their employees in CPR/AED training.   IXL Health and Fitness of Saugerties and the Town of Lloyd were recently recognized by Ulster County.

"I urge our community partners to become a designated Heart Safe Community participant and create a safer environment for everyone. Heart Safe's mission is to increase access to life saving therapy in order to protect employees and the general public," said Legislator Robert Parete, (D-Olive), Chairman of the Health Services Committee.

"Our goal is to deploy as many AEDs throughout various community settings, along with early advanced care by certifying people in CPR/AED training," said Legislator Phil Terpening, (D-Rosendale).

On Wednesday, October 14, 2009, the Ulster County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 281 which appropriated $5,000. to the Heart Safe Community Task Force Program from a New York State Legislative grant.

Legislators Robert Parete and Phil Terpening were instrumental in the creation of the Ulster County Heart Safe Community Program. They urge prospective business and other organizations that are interested in learning more about the Heart Safe Program to contact the Ulster County Health Department at (845) 340-3160 or visit http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/heartsafe.html

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