

**Urging The New York State Legislature To Pass And The New York State Governor To Sign Legislation On Strengthening The Regulation And Governmental Oversight Of The Production And Distribution Of Domestic Animal Feed And Human Food**

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee) and Legislator Noonan offer the following:

WHEREAS, domestic animals such as dogs and cats and humans are important members of many families within the County of Ulster, and

WHEREAS, some of these animals are highly trained and provide invaluable services to the people of Ulster County in areas including, but not limited to, services for the visually impaired as well as firematic, police, and search and rescue operations, and

WHEREAS, these animals are totally reliant upon their guardians and caregivers for nutritional and medical support, and

WHEREAS, a significant number of these animals have been rendered sick, sore, lame or otherwise incapacitated and in some cases have become deceased due to tainted feed stocks, and

WHEREAS, the guardians of these animals have, in some instances, expended large sums of money for veterinary care for these sick animals and otherwise suffered great personal loss where those animals have died, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the pet guardians of Ulster County to act to protect the health, safety and welfare of these animals and humans.

RESOLVED, that the New York State Legislature and New York State Governor are requested to pass legislation strengthening the regulation and increasing governmental oversight of the production and distribution of domestic animal feed and human food, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Eliot Spitzer, New York State Legislature, New York State Comptroller's Office, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader Malcolm Smith, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Peter Lopez and Thomas Kirwan, the New York Public Interest Research Group, and the New York State Association of Counties,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Loughran)  
(Legislator Zimet left at 10:44 PM)

Legislator Bartels motioned, seconded by Legislator Provenzano to amend the resolution to add human food to the title and throughout.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31                      NOES: 0  
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FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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