

**In Support Of Continuing ACCESS Program For At Least One (1) More Year While Discussions Continue Regarding Ways To Strengthen And Expand The Program**

The Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee (Chairman Zimet and Legislators Bischoff, Cahill, Lomita, Sheeley, Felicello and Harris) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee, in the belief that training and education are key to the ability of persons to become self-sustaining, expresses its support for the continuation of an active collaboration between the Ulster County Community College and the Ulster County Department of Social Services for the purposes of providing training to Ulster County's public assistance recipients through the ACCESS Program, and

WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee requests that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services or his deputies meet expeditiously with the appropriate staff members of the Ulster County Community College ACCESS Program, to ensure the continued availability of this college program and the requisite counseling and support services to those 20 clients who are currently enrolled, and

WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Department of Social Services and Ulster County Community College keep the ACCESS Program in place under its present operating parameters for at least one (1) more year while discussions continue about ways in which to strengthen and expand the program, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate College officials and employees of the program work with the Ulster County Department of Social Services employees to encourage participation in the ACCESS Program and to maximize its capacity, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that meetings continue between the appropriate Department Heads, UCCC officials and Legislators to find a long-term cooperative way of continuing the ACCESS Program,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Every)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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