

In Support Of The Funding Efforts For The AWARENESS Group

The Health Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Liepmann, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Busick and Roberti) and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Bischoff, Cahill, Dart, Distel, Donaldson, Gregorius, Kraft, Lomita, Loughran, R.A. Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Shapiro and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the AWARENESS group was formed in October 2006 and run as a pilot program for 3 months to curb the underage drinking and substance abuse in our youth, and

WHEREAS, it has seen great success in attracting youth ages 12 to 18 to come together and complete projects to enhance and develop their knowledge and self worth, and

WHEREAS, no other program uses the format of peer mentoring with the older youth mentoring the younger age groups and all participating in functions to promote substance free fun and break the underage drinking cycle,

RESOLVED, that the Health Committee and the Ulster County Legislature support the funding efforts for the AWARENESS group being requested from Honorable Senator John Bonacic, Honorable Senator William Larkin and Honorable Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Eliot Spitzer, 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, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

Resolution No. 295 August 8, 2007

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 28 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Alfonso, Bischoff, Felicello
and Roberti)
(Legislator Noonan left at 7:35 PM/returned 7:43
PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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