

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute The Necessary Applications And Assurances With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation For Funding Provided From The Hudson-Fulton Champlain Quadricentennial Grant Program

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Lomita and Legislators Cahill, Dart, Gregorius, Provenzano, Zimet, Cummings, Gerentine and Noonan) offers the following:

WHEREAS, New York State will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of Hudson and Champlain's voyages and 200th anniversary of Fulton's steamboat journey up the Hudson River in year 2009, and

WHEREAS, the HFCQ Executive staff, working in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), is actively soliciting grant applications primarily for projects, programs, events and celebrations dedicated to the commemoration of New York State's 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage, Samuel DeChamplain's voyage and the 200th anniversary of Robert Fulton's successful steamboat voyage, and

WHEREAS, in addition and secondary to those projects that directly honor and celebrate these historic events; projects that also celebrate the Quadricentennial themes of "Explore New York" and "Celebrating 400 Years of Discovery in Education, Energy, Environment and Innovation" will also be considered. Funding for HFCQ grants is available from a State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2008-09 New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) budget appropriation, and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is requesting authorization to execute an application and assurances with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for funding provided from the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Grant Program in accordance with the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Act, that will be administered by the Ulster County Clerk and the Ulster County Director of Tourism, who were appointed by the Chairman to coordinate the celebration of Ulster County's Native American and Dutch heritage, as well as other cultural and ethnic influences, and

WHEREAS, this grant will be used for the creation of an archival video and engaging in a County-wide tulip bulb planting campaign, and

WHEREAS, no matching County funds are required for this HFCQ grant program, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

Resolution No. 374 December 10, 2008

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RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an application and assurances with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a Hudson-Fulton Champlain Quadricentennial Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00, in the form as filed with the Clerk of Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney to carry out the program and projects as provided for in the grant award including amendments,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Felicello and Kraft)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
\$45,000.00 – STATE REIMBURSEMENTS
FOR 2008 QUADRICENTENNIAL EXPENSES