

**Urging The United States Congress To Create A Select Committee To Investigate The Presidential Administration And To Make Recommendations Regarding Grounds For Possible Impeachment**

The Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Bischoff and Legislators Bartels, Liepmann, Rodriguez, Shapiro and Cummings) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the American people require and expect that their highest officials be subject to the laws of the land like any citizen, most particularly under the constitutional oath taken by them upon assuming office, and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney appear to have violated laws of the United States by numerous acts, including misleading Congress and the public by alleging threats from the nation of Iraq to justify war, the countenance of torture of prisoners, the surveillance of American citizens beyond the reach of judicial review; and arbitrarily subjecting citizens to indefinite detention without charge and denying them their constitutional rights to counsel and judicial relief, and

WHEREAS, this situation cannot be resolved without the truth regarding these acts being established and brought to bear in adjudication by the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, there has been, and continues to be a significant negative impact to Ulster County citizens and local government as a result of the above actions.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature urges the United States Congress to create a select committee to: investigate the Administration's (1) intent to go to war before obtaining congressional authorization; (2) manipulation of pre-war intelligence; (3) encouraging and countenancing torture; (4) retaliating against critics, and (5) subverting the United States Constitution; the Committee's purpose being to make recommendations regarding grounds for possible impeachment and prosecution of others who have committed offenses, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Representative Maurice D. Hinchey, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Republican Leader of the House of Representatives, John Boehner, Rep. John Conyers Jr., Rep. Dennis Kucinich, and area Congressional Representatives Kirstan Gillibrand and John Hall,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20

NOES: 9

(NOES: Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Berardi, Busick, Cummings, Fabiano, Gerentine, McAfee and Noonan)

(Absent: Legislators Every, Felicello, Harris and Roberti)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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