

Re-Authorizing Purchase Agreement Of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) By Purchasing Agency On Behalf Of Ulster County, For Associations, Organizations, Residents And Businesses Located In Ulster County – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget

The Health Services Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Briggs, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Petit, Roberti and Ronk) and the Administrative Services Committee (Chairman Provenzano and Legislators Cahill, Kraft, Lomita, Felicello, Maloney and Ronk) and Legislators Bischoff, Dart, Decker, Donaldson, Gregorius, Loughran, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Sheeley, and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the United States Food & Drug Administration in 2004, approved an initiative to let consumers purchase Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) for home use, and

WHEREAS, an AED is a small, portable device that analyzes the heart's rhythm and prompts the user to deliver a defibrillation shock if it determines the need, and

WHEREAS, 90% - 95% of sudden cardiac victims succumb because they do not have access to the quick, easy-to-administer lifesaving treatment AED's offer, while 80 percent of the instances of sudden cardiac arrest, which is best treated by a shock from a defibrillator, happen at home, and

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac death accounts for approximately 340,000 deaths outside of health care settings each year, and

WHEREAS, by raising awareness of sudden cardiac death and by improving access to AED's, the survival rate will increase, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature understands the importance of these life-saving devices by supporting the placement of external defibrillators in County owned and leased properties, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Ulster County and all of its residents that these devices be broadly and readily available at the most affordable price possible, and

WHEREAS, coordinated and bulk purchases of AED devices for use by schools and public gathering places has already demonstrated the immediate and dramatic effect of significantly reducing the cost of each individual unit and the potential for further savings is even greater with coordinated and bulk purchases for home use, and

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WHEREAS, this Legislative initiative has previously been administered by the Ulster County Sheriff's Office which has in past years provided for the placement and training for the defibrillator program, and

WHEREAS, the Health Services Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Services Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of members voting approval, and

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

RESOLVED, that consumers and certain county employees shall receive training by a recognized organization that is approved by Ulster County, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the consumers purchasing the devices shall sign an agreement holding Ulster County harmless and indemnifying; and the hold harmless/indemnification agreement shall be included in each agreement, which will be prepared by the County Attorney, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature has mandated the placement of Automated External Defibrillators in all County owned and leased buildings, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature implores every home, business and community gathering place be equipped with an automatic external defibrillator, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Purchasing Agent is authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators for the County, and as part of the bid conditions, the successful bidder shall provide a certain number of devices (to be determined based on a showing of interest) at the bid price to associations or organizations, members of the public or businesses located in the County, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with other counties or municipalities to provide for joint purchases of such devices with such other public entities on their own behalf, and for associations, organizations, residents and businesses located in Ulster County, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature petition members of the New York State Legislature and New York State Governor to reimburse the County for the cost of AED's in an effort to eliminate placing this expense on the taxpayers of Ulster County, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2008 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

TRANSFER

<u>FROM</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-1331-4553 (App. #)	Contingency Account	\$35,000.00
<u>TO</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-1810-2168 (App. #)	Other Equipment – Miscellaneous	\$35,000.00

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Decker and Maloney)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
\$35,000.00 – BUDGETED 2008 COUNTY DOLLARS
TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY