

Supporting A Grant Application For A New York State Department Of State Local Government Efficiency Grant, To Partially Fund The Conflict Defense Shared Services Agreement With Dutchess County

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Fabiano, Maio, Ronk, Donaldson, Loughran and Parete)

Chairman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, Richard A. Parete, and Deputy Chairman Kenneth Ronk offer the following:

WHEREAS, there is a desire to reduce expenses for County taxpayers and one area of potential savings is utilizing shared services among municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the County has become aware that the New York State Department of State has issued a Local Government Efficiency Grant (RFA #12-LGE-17) which is designed to assist school districts, county governments, and local municipalities in identifying opportunities to reduce the cost of services by ascertaining appropriate methods of combining resources; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County anticipates commencing a shared services agreement with Dutchess County, in which each county will provide an Assistant Public Defender to provide conflict defense to the other county; and

WHEREAS, the shared services agreement is anticipated to reduce the amount of assigned counsel expenditures and save the County approximately \$175,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to further increase savings by utilizing grant funds to offset the cost of implementing the shared services agreement; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding is 90% State funds, and requires 10% matching County dollars, and

WHEREAS, the County will apply for \$103,113.00 in its grant application and commits to a 10% match of grant funds, or \$10,312.00; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State requires applicants to submit resolutions from their governing boards supporting the grant application by March 13, 2013; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby supports the application for the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant to be used to offset the cost of implementing the conflict defense shared services agreement with Dutchess County,

