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Health Services Committee's Smoke Free Policy Takes Effect Today

KINGSTON -- Ulster County Legislator Robert Parete (D-Olive), Chairman of the Health Services Committee recognizes the commencement of Ulster County's Local Law requiring all County owned and leased property to be smoke free on June 1, 2009.

This Law, which is part of an overarching effort to create a healthier environment for residents of Ulster County, was adopted by the full Legislature in late 2008. Legislator Robert Parete stated, "by creating a smoke-free campus on all County owned and leased properties, the elimination of harmful tobacco smoke will lead to a healthier workforce and a safer community."

Legislator Parete would like to personally thank three members of the Health Services Committee for their support and guidance; Legislator Joseph Stoeckeler (D-Ellenville), Legislator Phil Terpening (D-Rosendale) and Legislator Thomas Briggs (D-Ellenville).

Legislator Robert Parete would also like to thank Joseph Roberti (R-Saugerties), who was a leading advocate for tobacco prevention during his tenure as Chairman of the Health Services Committee.