Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Submit Application And Assurances For HUD Community Development Block Grant Funds For The Year 2008 To The New York State Office for Small Cities (OSC)

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 authorized non-entitlement counties to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and GOSC has promulgated regulations governing the participation in the CDBG Program, and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the CDBG Program has been published by OSC for the program year 2008, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has sought input on its CDBG Application in accordance with its Citizens Participation Plan that included two public hearings, and

WHEREAS, after analysis of the comments made at the first public hearing, the County prepared a draft application for homeownership assistance that was made available for review and comment and was the subject of the second public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster desires to submit an application consistent with the funding levels, purposes, and other criteria provided for in the NOFA, for homeownership assistance, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the 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 the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to submit an application to OSC for homeownership assistance, as well as, all understandings and assurances, including the Community Needs Assessment, to OSC for CDBG funds up to the amount provided for in the NOFA, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman is authorized to act as Certifying Officer for receipt of these funds,
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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29       NOES: 1
(NOES: Legislator Petit)
(Absent: Legislators Donaldson, Gerentine and Kraft)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$750,000.00 – ADDITIONAL FEDERAL REVENUE DOLLARS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS – PASS THROUGH NYS OFFICE FOR SMALL CITIES

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