Resolution No. 128 June 5, 2012

Initiating A Home Rule Message To The New York State Legislature, Requesting The Transfer Of Real Property Owned By New York State To The County Of Ulster To Be Used As A Transitional Home For Veterans

Referred to: Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Wayne Harris and Legislators Lopez, Wawro, Donaldson and Gregorius) and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Fabiano, Maio, Ronk, Donaldson, and Loughran)

Legislators Wayne Harris and David B. Donaldson, Chairman and Deputy Chairman, respectively, of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee and Legislator Kevin Roberts, Chairman of the Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County recognizes its indebtedness to our Veterans for the sacrifices they have made on behalf of Ulster County residents as well as the entire country, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County recognizes the challenges faced by many Veterans upon their return home from their dedicated service to our country, and the County desires to aid and support our local Veterans in their attempts to overcome these obstacles, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to assist Veterans by administering a transitional housing program which would allow Veterans short term residential living space and other support services, and

WHEREAS, the County does not currently have a space sufficient for this purpose, but has identified a parcel of real property located at 67 Wurts Street in the City of Kingston, which would prove ideal for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, 67 Wurts Street was previously utilized by Ulster/Greene ARC as a group home for people with developmental disabilities, but the program has ceased operation, and

WHEREAS, due to the discontinuance of the ARC program, title to the property located at 67 Wurts Street has reverted to New York State, via the Office of General Services, now, therefore, be it
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RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Ulster hereby requests the State of New York to enact New York State Senate Bill S.7405 and Assembly Bill A.10516, which would authorize the Commissioner of the Office of General Services to transfer and convey real property located at 67 Wurts Street in the City of Kingston, to the County of Ulster, for the purposes of operating a Veterans transitional housing program and otherwise assist veterans in Ulster County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and all elected representatives of Ulster County in the New York State Legislature,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20  NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Robert Parete)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Fabiano)

Passed Committee: Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee on June 5, 2012

Passed Committee: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee on June 5, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
ss:
COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 5th day of June, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 6th Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this 6th Day of June, 2012.

Approved by the County Executive this 6th Day of June, 2012.

Karen L. Binder, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Michael P. Hein, County Executive