Resolution No. 319 October 7, 2008

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign An Application With New York State Division Of Probation and Correctional Alternatives For Funding An Alternative To Incarceration Program For Jail/Prison Diversion And/Or Re-Entry In New York - Probation

The Criminal Justice and Safety Committee (Chairman Dart and Legislators Briggs, R.A. Parete, Zimet, Hansut, Maloney and Ronk) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Director of Ulster County Probation has requested that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to sign an application with the New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (DPCA) for funding in the amount of $200,000.00, for a starting date to begin within the period of November 1, 2008 through March 1, 2009, with annual renewals for up to five years, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the program to: (1) serve the felony jail or prison bound population, (2), and which will increase the effectiveness of existing ATI Programs as an alternative to jail or prison for felony charged or convicted offenders, (3) and be designed to assist this population returning to communities from prison or jail, and

WHEREAS, there is no County match required for this grant program, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee has met and received 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 be authorized to sign an application with the New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (DPCA) for funding in the amount of $200,000 for the establishment an Alternative to Incarceration Program for Jail/Prison Diversion and/or Re-Entry in New York, for a starting date to begin within the period of November 1, 2008 through March 1, 2009, with annual renewals for up to five years, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, if funding for this program is eliminated, the position (and/or program) will be eliminated as well,
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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Briggs, Kraft, Shapiro, Sheeley and Zimet)
(Legislator R.A. Parete arrived at 7:25 PM)
(Legislator Terrizzi arrived at 7:48 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$200,000.00 – 2008/2009 BUDGETED STATE REVENUE
$200,000.00 – 2008/2009 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS