Resolution No. 382 November 14, 2007

Requesting The New York State Governor And The New York State Legislature To Adopt Legislation Establishing Additional Restrictions In The County Of Ulster For Convicted Sex Offenders (Driver’s Licenses And Non-Driver Identification Issued By The New York State Department Of Motor Vehicles To Reflect Offenses)

Legislator Loughran and co-sponsors Legislators Dart and Provenzano offer the following:

WHEREAS, registration requirement of convicted sexual offenders is within the jurisdiction of the State of New York and provided for under Article 6-C of New York State Correction Law, said article cited as the “Sex Offender Registration Act,” and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature finds and determines that it is essential to assure residents of Ulster County that government continues to make every effort to protect residents from sex offenders, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature further finds and determines that it would be in the best interests of its citizens that additional residency restrictions and requirements be established for convicted sex offenders, and

WHEREAS, the registries that currently exist use the internet to identify sexual offenders living within the communities, and

WHEREAS, not all residents in Ulster County have access to the internet for the purpose of identifying sex offenders living within their communities, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to request that the State of New York provide additional means of identifying sex offenders residing within all communities including Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature requests that the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles would, upon notification by any appropriate law enforcement agency, identify that individual sex offender by making that offense part of that individual’s record and noting such offense on that individual’s New York State Driver’s License and non-driver identification.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby urges the Governor of the State of New York and the New York Legislature to adopt further legislation that would require New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, upon notification by any appropriate law enforcement agency, identify that individual sex offender by making that offense part of that individual’s record and noting such offense on that individual’s New York State Driver’s License and non-driver identification, and
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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Eliot Spitzer, New York State Comptroller’s Office, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader Malcolm Smith, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Peter Lopez and Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 
NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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REferred Back to Committee