Establishing A Policy For Certain Fiscal Controls To Temporarily Restrain Budgetary Spending

Minority Leader Glenn Noonan and Legislators Cummings, Fabiano, Felicello, Gerentine, Hansut, Harris, Maloney, Noonan, Petit, Roberti, Ronk and Terrizzi offer the following:

WHEREAS, economic indicators are predicting a serious slow down in consumer spending, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Budget for fiscal year 2008 has made some optimistic projections for the County’s share of the NYS Sales Tax the may not be obtainable, and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2008-2009 NYS Budget of Governor Spitzer has proposed some very drastic cutbacks in funding to the counties of NYS, and

WHEREAS, prudent management of the fiscal affairs of Ulster County dictate that the County Legislature take immediate steps to recognize these serious potential shortfall in budget revenue and to put into place controls that will lessen any potential additional burden on the Taxpayers of Ulster County.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby directs the County Administrator and all Department Heads to not fill any vacant or new personnel positions that are not absolutely mandated by NYS Law or Federal Law, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all positions that are mandated, by law to be filled, be presented to the full Ulster County Legislature, for Legislative action, at the monthly meeting prior to being filled, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all travel outside of Ulster County, by County employees be halted for a period of ninety days (90); the only exception being travel for actual emergency purposes, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is hereby directed to review the current County Budget and curtail all expenditures except those that are necessary and vital for the day to day function of County business,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:
Resolution No. 97 March 12, 2008

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:
UNKNOWN

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