

**Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Labor To Allow The Department Of Planning To Act As Census Designated Affiliate – Department Of Planning**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee (Chairwoman Sperry and Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Stewart and Walls)

Chairwoman of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee, Megan Sperry, and Deputy Chair Herbert Litts, III offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, Section 21(14) of New York State Labor Law provides that the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Labor (“NYSDOL”) shall do “all things necessary for the operation of the New York state data center established in the department in cooperation with the United States bureau of the census,” including cooperation with other state entities in the dissemination of socio-economic information and data through the New York State Data Center (“NYSDC”); and

WHEREAS, the NYSDC operates as part of a nationwide effort to improve public access to census data and to ensure complete and accurate national, statewide, and county level information is provided to the public; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County recognizes the importance of access to and dissemination of the data provided by NYSDOL to decisions related to economic development, grant applications, overall understanding of the County’s demographic trends, and an accurate census count; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOL wishes to retain the services of the Ulster County Planning Department to act as a census data affiliate, and the Ulster County Planning Department wishes to provide such services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to execute a State Data Center Program Affiliate Agreement and any related amendments with the New York State Department of Labor, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney,

and moves its adoption.

