

**Dedicating Funding To Implement The Ulster County Respite House Policy**

Referred to: The American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee (Chairman Criswell and Legislators Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry), The Health, Human Services, and Housing Committee (Chair Walter and Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, and Uchitelle), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, and Walter)

Chair of the Health, Human Services and Housing Committee, Eve Walter, and Legislator Hewitt offer the following:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has notified Ulster County that funding for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is available in the amount of \$34,491,474.00; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA seeks, among other purposes, to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 333 dated August 17, 2021, \$5,000,000.00 in ARPA funding was allocated towards mental health and addiction recovery; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 424 adopted on October 19, 2021 and signed by the County Executive on October 26, 2021, a policy was established to have a Crisis Stabilization Center recommended to operate 24 hours/day, 7 days per week, to be funded from the \$5,000,000.00 of ARPA funding allocated for the purpose of addressing the need for enhanced Mental Health and Addiction Recovery services throughout Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 425 unanimously adopted on October 19, 2021 and signed by the County Executive on October 26, 2021, a policy was established to have 7-10 day Respite Houses in Ulster County, geographically spread out across the county, providing a minimum of eight beds overall, available to any resident of Ulster County ages 18 years old and over; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, in order to implement the Respite House policy, funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 shall be designated from the \$5,000,000.00 allocated for the purpose of addressing the need for enhanced Mental Health and Addiction Recovery services throughout Ulster County,

and move its adoption.

**Resolution No. 28      February 15, 2022**

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    23                      NOES:    0

No Action Taken in Committee: ARPA Special Committee on January 26, 2022

Passed Committee: Health, Human Services and Housing on February 2, 2022

Passed Committee: ARPA Special Committee on February 9, 2022

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on February 8, 2022 for one week

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on February 15, 2022

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**\$1,500,000.000 – FEDERAL REVENUE DOLLARS**

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this  
17<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2022.

Approved by the County Executive this  
24<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2022.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Patrick K. Ryan  
Patrick K. Ryan, County Executive