

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute The Empire State Trail Work Agreement With The Office Of Parks, Recreation, And Historic Preservation And The New York State Department Of Transportation For North Putt Corners Road Improvements In New Paltz**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman James Maloney and Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Rodriguez, and Woltman)

Chairman of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee, James F. Maloney, Deputy Chair Hector Rodriguez, and Legislator Nolan offer the following:

WHEREAS, the State of New York (the “State”), through the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) and the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”), is planning to construct and establish the Empire State Trail, a 750-mile interconnected shared-use trail system, a segment of which runs through Ulster County (the “Trail”); and

WHEREAS, the State desires to construct an approximately 1,500 foot segment of the Trail along North Putt Corners Road (also identified as County Route 17) from Route 299 to Henry W. Dubois Drive in New Paltz (the “Property”), which would widen and improve this segment of the County’s road for walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the safety and economic development benefits of the establishment of the Trail through Ulster County and desires to enter into the Empire State Trail Work Agreement (the “Agreement”) with OPRHP and NYSDOT to allow the improvements to be made on Property, including widening of the road for bike lanes and installation of a drainage swale, signage, striping, two rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and landscaping, which will be maintained by Ulster County following construction of the improvements; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the Empire State Trail Work Agreement with the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) and the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) to improve and maintain North Putt Corners Road from Route 299 to Henry W. Dubois Drive in New Paltz as part of the Empire State Trail,

and move its adoption.

