

ADDENDUM
MARCH 31, 2013 2:00PM

1. Enact proposed local law 2 of 2013 (Mortgage Tax)
2. Set public hearing for Ethics Law 4/18/13 at 4 :25PM
3. Repeal the Safe Act of 2013
4. Authorize extension agreements for continuity of services
5. Accept the recommendations of the Sullivan County Solid Waste/Recycling Fee Grievance Committee second appeals (approvals)
6. Accept the recommendations of the Sullivan County Solid Waste/Recycling Fee Greivance Committee regular appeals (approvals and denials)
7. Authorize execution of the 2013 Annual contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension
8. Requesting the United States Department of Labor to end its suspension of Student Enrollment in the Job Corps Program
9. To Adopt A Revised Certificate Of Availability Of Funds And Legislative Memorandum
10. Authorize settlement of Federal Litigation (Cooper)
11. Amend theVisitor's Association I Love New York Resolution
12. Urging NYS Assembly to enact Assembly Bill A5389 and Senate S 2078 (Single Payor)
13. Authorize Sullivan County as a Co-applicant with Ulster County BOCES and the Counties of Orange and Ulster on a NY Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant

RESOLUTION NO. INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ENACT A LOCAL LAW “TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2007 (Part 9 of CHAPTER 182 OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CODE) AS AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2010 AND FURTHER AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2010 IMPOSING A MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX”

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law entitled “To Amend Local Law No. 4 Of 2007 (Part 9 Of Chapter 182 Of The Sullivan County Code) As Amended By Local Law No. 1 Of 2010 And Further Amended By Local Law No. 2 Of 2010 Imposing A Mortgage Recording Tax”

was presented to the Sullivan County Legislature at a meeting held on March 21, 2013, at the County Government Center, Monticello, New York, to consider said proposed local law and notice of public hearing having been duly published and posted as required by law, and said public hearing having been held and all persons appearing at said public hearing deeming to be heard, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby enact and adopt this Local Law entitled entitled “To Amend Local Law No. 4 Of 2007 (Part 9 Of Chapter 182 Of The Sullivan County Code) As Amended By Local Law No. 1 Of 2010 And Further Amended By Local Law No. 2 Of 2010 Imposing A Mortgage Recording Tax” which local law is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 4-2007 (Part 9 of Chapter 182 of the Sullivan County Code) as amended by Local Law No. 1 of 2010 and further amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2010, Imposing a Mortgage Recording Tax.

Section 1: Purpose: To amend Local Law No. 4-2007 (Part 9 of Chapter 182 of the Sullivan County Code) as amended by Local Law No. 1 of 2010 and further amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2010, which imposed a Mortgage Recording Tax in the County of Sullivan. Local Law No. 4-2007 is set to expire on April 30, 2013 and it is the intention of the Sullivan County Legislature to extend the Local Law No. 4-2007 for three additional years.

Section 2: Section 182-77 of Part 9 of Chapter 182 of the Sullivan County Code shall be amended by deleting the language "May 1, 2010" both times it appears and inserting the language "May 1, 2013" in both places and by deleting the language "April 30, 2013" and inserting the language "April 30, 2016."

Section 3: Section 182-83 of Part 9 of Chapter 182 of the Sullivan County Code shall be amended by deleting the language "May 1, 2010" and inserting the language "May 1, 2013".

Section 4: Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect May 1, 2013. A certified copy of this Local Law shall be mailed by registered or certified mail to the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance at the Commissioner's Office in Albany. Certified copies of this Local Law shall be filed with the Sullivan County Clerk, the Secretary of State and the State Comptroller within five days after this Local Law is enacted.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ENTITLED “THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ETHICS LAW”

WHEREAS, there has been introduced and presented at a meeting of the Sullivan County Legislature held on March 21, 2013 a proposed Local Law entitled “The Sullivan County Ethics Law”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on said proposed local law by the Sullivan County Legislature on April 18, 2013 at 4:25PM p.m., in the Legislative Chambers, County Government Center, Monticello, New York, and at least six (6) days’ notice of the public hearing be given by the Clerk of the Sullivan County Legislature by due posting thereof on the bulletin board of the County of Sullivan and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspapers of the County.

Moved by _____,
Seconded by _____,
and adopted on motion _____, 2013.

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been duly presented and introduced at a meeting of the Legislature of the County of Sullivan, New York, held on March 21, 2013, a proposed Local Law entitled " The Sullivan County Ethics Law"

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Legislature of the County of Sullivan will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Legislature's Meeting Room, County Government Center, Monticello, New York, 12701, on April 18, 2013 at 4:25PM at which time all persons interested will be heard.

DATED: Monticello, New York
March 21, 2013

ANNMARIE MARTIN
Clerk of the Legislature
County of Sullivan, New York

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY GENE BENSON, DISTRICT 7 LEGISLATOR AND CORA EDWARDS, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CALLING FOR THE REPEAL OF THE NEW YORK STATE SAFE ACT OF 2013

WHEREAS, the New York state Legislature recently enacted and Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law The New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 ("NY SAFE ACT") and

WHEREAS, this legislation is viewed by many citizens of the State of New York as being extremely controversial as those citizens view this Legislation as infringing upon their rights guaranteed to them under the second Amendment of the United States Constitution and the New York State Constitution and

WHEREAS, each and every issue that comes before the New York State Legislature before an enactment deserves a fair and open discussion which incorporates the various points of view in order to ensure that all citizens are heard and that the Legislation incorporates the various points of view expressed during that discussion and benefits all of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the NY SAFE ACT was adopted after minimal public discussion, contains serious flaws, i.e. police officers are not exempt, and having been on the desks of the members of the NYS Legislature for only a few hours, thereafter was literally adopted in the night and signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo, and

WHEREAS, in 2011 amendments were made to the Open Meetings law (Public Officers Law Section 103) requiring a public body prior to a meeting to post on its website, to the extent practicable, for public benefit all records that may be considered or discussed at that meeting; and

WHEREAS, A.107 has been pre-filed before the New York State Assembly for the 2013-2014 Regular Session, to amend the Public Officers Law (Sections 84 and 90) in relation to publishing records of public interest by agencies and the State Legislature, reading in part "...The people's right to know the process of governmental decision-making and to review the documents and statistics leading to determinations is basic to our society. Access to such information should not be thwarted by shrouding it with the cloak of secrecy or confidentiality..." , and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has a tradition and long history of conducting its deliberations and debates in the public view and that in the enactment of the NY SAFE ACT the New York State Legislature and Governor Cuomo acted in contradiction of this long, time honored tradition of an open government, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Sullivan County Legislature wish to express their concern that any legislation which addresses the ownership of guns and the sale of ammunition in the State of New York be conducted only after an open debate pursuant to which the public is allowed to participate and express their points of view.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature calls for the repeal of the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 ("NY SAFE ACT").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature supports the positions adopted by resolution from the New York State County Clerk's Association and the State Sheriffs Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to President Barack Obama, Vice President Joseph Biden, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Chris Gibson, NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo, NYS State Senator John Bonacic and NYS State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

**RESOLUTION NO. -13 INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO
AUTHORIZE EXTENSION AGREEMENTS FOR CONTINUITY OF SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature previously adopted Resolution No. 414-12, authorizing contract extensions up to 90 days to minimize the disruption to services that may result from contract review/renew process; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department is currently reviewing the county's contracts in regards to the procurement and formalizing a centralized Request for Proposal Plan, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to allow for contract extensions for an additional ninety days to allow for the creation of this formal process and the transition period to implement said process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Manager to enter into extension agreements with vendors, who had a contract with the County due to expire on December 31, 2012, for the period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending no later than June 30, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of said agreements be approved by the Sullivan County Department of Law.

**Moved by
seconded by**

RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACCEPTING/DENYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FEE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE SECOND APPEALS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature (“Legislature”) Amended Local Law No. 7 of 2009 to Add a New Article VIII Establishing a Solid Waste Recycling Fee, and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 7 of 2009 as amended provides for a Sullivan County Solid Waste/Recycling Fee Appeals Committee (“Committee”) after reviewing written appeals that have been denied from property owners, that they have an opportunity to personally meet with the Appeal Board, and

WHEREAS, the Committee wishes to report its Recommendations/Denys’ to the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has personally met with each of the owners on Schedule A&B, and it recommends accepting reduction/elimination of the fee for properties detailed on the Recommended List attached hereto as Appendix “A” and made as part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature acknowledges receipt of the Committee’s recommendations detailed on Appendix “A”,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Treasurer, on behalf of the Committee to notify the property owners regarding the accepting/denial of their respective second appeals.

Moved by _____,
Seconded by _____,
and adopted on motion _____, 2013.

2ND APPEAL

RECOMMENDED LIST

APPENDIX A

TOWN	SBL	CLASS COD NAME	ADDRESS	CHARGE APPEAL NEW	IMPACT
Bethel	17.-1-3.1	483 Karin Loubal	PO Box 189	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,500.00
Mamakating	21.-1-1.3/25	270 Geraldine Ragusa	19 Laura Jean Ln	\$ 108.00	\$ 0
Mamakating	16.-1-21	416 Blue Sky Homes, LLC	3832 State Rt 209	\$ 480.00	\$ 360.00
					<u>\$ 120.00</u>
					\$ 1,728.00

RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FEE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature (“Legislature”) Amended Local Law No. 7 of 2009 to Add a New Article VIII Establishing a Solid Waste Recycling Fee, and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 7 of 2009 as amended provides for a Sullivan County Solid Waste/Recycling Fee Appeals Committee (“Committee”) to review written appeals from property owners, and

WHEREAS, the Committee wishes to report its recommendations to the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed appeals and it recommends approving reduction/elimination of the solid waste fee for properties detailed on the Recommended Approval List attached hereto as Appendix “A” and made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed appeals and it recommends denying reduction/elimination of the solid waste fee for properties detailed on the Recommended Denial List attached hereto as Appendix “B” and made as part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature acknowledges receipt of the Committee’s recommendations detailed on Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” and hereby ratifies said recommendations contained on Appendix A and B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Treasurer, on behalf of the Committee to notify the property owners regarding approval/denial of their respective appeals.

Moved by _____,
Seconded by _____,
and adopted on motion _____, 2013.

APPENDIX A

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL LIST

TOWN	SBL	CLASS CODE	PRIMARY OWNER	ADDRESS	TWN ST ZIP	FEE	New Bill
Bethel	9.-1-6	417 J	Enterprise USA Altn: Joseph Singer	623 Bedford Ave	Brooklyn, NY 11211	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 600.0
Liberty	23.-1-45	311	Barry Nathansen	275 Glenwood Avenue	Bloomfield, NJ 07003	\$ 120.00	\$ -
Thompson	12.-1-22.3	411	Manuel Marrera	343 Old Liberty Road	Monticello, NY 12701	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 480.0

APPENDIX B

RECOMMENDED DENIAL LIST

TOWN	SBL	CLASS CODE	PRIMARY OWNER	ADDRESS	TWN ST ZIP	FEE
Callicoon	2.-1-45	240	Edward Lowe	335 Huber Road	Livingston Manor, NY 12758	\$ 108.00
Callicoon	105.-3-16	662	Jeffersonville Fire Dist	PO Box 276	Jeffersonville, NY 12748	\$ 120.00
Delaware	6.-1-51	210	Matthew & Debra Murphy	PO Box 213	Jeffersonville, NY 12748	\$ 120.00
Delaware	6.-1-52.3	471	Stewart Murphy Funeral Home	PO Box 185	Callicoon, NY 12723	\$ 300.00
Fallsburg	42.-1-22.2	417	Cong Chesed Shel Emes, Inc	1224 52nd St.	Brooklyn, NY 11219	\$ 1,560.00
Fallsburg	59.-1-23.4	417	Heron Pond Inc	c/o Steven Kenyon 380 Lenox Ave #6A	New York, NY 10027	\$ 840.00
Liberty	108.-9-5	411	Main Street Liberty, LLC	PO Box 612	Liberty, NY 12754	\$ 480.00
Liberty	9.-1-18.5	210	Andres Alejandro	644 Aden Road	Parksville, NY 12768	\$ 108.00
Liberty	12.-1-13.10	620	Panaya of the Mountains	c/o Fr. Olegshvetson 387 Benton Hollow Rd	Livingston Manor, NY 12758	\$ 120.00
Liberty	15.-1-18	210	Skye & James Wilbur	686 Lenape Lake Road	Livingston Manor, NY 12758	\$ 120.00
Liberty	15.-1-19.4	120	Skye & James Wilbur	686 Lenape Lake Road	Livingston Manor, NY 12758	\$ 120.00
Liberty	40.-1-20	421	Michael Osepowicz	5205 State Rt 55	Ferndale, NY 12734	\$ 300.00
Mamakating	50.-1-20.2	210	Susan Chabut	226 Mountain Road	Bloomington, NY 12721	\$ 120.00

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO
AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE 2013 ANNUAL CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN AND CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan contracts with various agencies for services; and

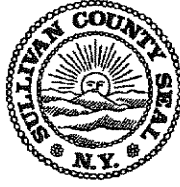
WHEREAS, the annual contract with this agency needs to be renewed for 2013 to assure continued delivery of service and payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Manager be authorized to execute the 2013 annual contract at the following maximum funding level for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013:

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – maximum amount \$332,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of such annual contract be approved by the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compliance with all of the reporting requirements of this resolution and resolution 477-06 shall be a precondition for continued eligibility for funding by the County of Sullivan.



CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Department Requesting the CAF: Other Home & Community Services

Reason/Justification for the CAF: The annual contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension needs to be renewed for 2013 to assure continued delivery of service and payments.

Line Items to be Expensed/Encumbered:


<u>Org/Object#</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>Expense in Resolution</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
A-8989-99-40-4035	\$332,000	\$332,000	\$0.00

Did this follow the County's Procurement Policy? Yes _____ No _____

If no, explain why _____

FAO APPROVAL _____,

COMMISSIONER/DIRECTOR APPROVAL _____,

BUDGET OFFICE APPROVAL _____, 

RESOLUTION NO. INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO END ITS SUSPENSION OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN THE JOB CORPS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor (“DOL”) suspended student enrollment in its Job Corps program beginning January 28, 2013 and ending July 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the suspension has affected student enrollment at the Delaware Valley Job Corps (“DVJC”), located in the Town of Delaware, Sullivan County, NY; and

WHEREAS, student enrollment is projected to drop to 53% of the DVJC’s contracted On Board Strength by July 15, 2013 under the DOL’s current policy to suspend student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the DOL has requested that the DVJC reduce its staff of 150 by 70 positions by July 15, 2013 as a result of the reduced student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, 70% of the DVJC staff are residents of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the DVJC endeavors to purchase the majority of their materials, supplies and services in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the reductions in student enrollment and staffing will negatively impact Sullivan County through higher unemployment and reduced business for Sullivan County businesses that currently serve the DVJC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby requests that the United States Department of Labor immediately end its suspension of student enrollment in the Job Corps Program, which has affected the Delaware Valley Job Corps located in the Town of Delaware, Sullivan County, NY, and in turn will negatively impact Sullivan County through higher unemployment and reduced business for Sullivan County businesses that currently serve the DVJC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter be drafted to the United State Department of Labor expressing the concerns of the Sullivan County Legislature articulated in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the a copy of said letter and this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Seth D, Harris, Acting Secretary of Labor, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Chris Gibson, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator John J. Bonacic, Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, and all Town and Village Governments within Sullivan County.

**RESOLUTION NO. _____ INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO
ADOPT A REVISED CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND
LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Charter, Sections 2.02 and 3.06 require that the County Manager submit, and that the County Legislature require, a Certificate of Availability of Funds prior to the submission of any Resolution which appropriates funds or that authorizes a contract to be executed that requires the expenditure of funds, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature also requires that a Legislative Memorandum accompany proposed Resolutions, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature has determined that it would be in the best interests of the County for the forms of the Certificate of Availability of Funds and the Legislative Memorandum to be revised, combined and expanded so as to provide additional information and sign-offs, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature believes the “Combined Legislative Memorandum, Certificate of Availability of Funds and Resolution Cover Memo” attached hereto will provide the Legislatures the required information concerning proposed Resolutions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislature directs that, commencing with the May, 2013 Legislative Committee meetings, the annexed, new “Combined Legislative Memorandum, Certificate of Availability of Funds and Resolution Cover Memo” be annexed to every Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall supersede previous resolutions requiring legislative memorandums and certificates of availability of funds be attached to resolutions submitted to Legislative Committees.

**RESOLUTION NO. _____ INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO
AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT OF A FEDERAL LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, a County employee in the Division of Public Works, Mr. Michael Cooper, commenced a litigation against the County in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Rules of the Court for such litigations a Mediator was appointed by the Court and met with the parties in an attempt to amicably resolve the litigation, and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the Mediator the parties came to a tentative resolution of the litigation, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature has been fully briefed in Executive Session on the details of the Litigation and the reasons for the settlement, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature believes the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The County Attorney is authorized to execute the appropriate settlement documents in the manner and according to the terms presented in the Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION NO. _____ INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO
AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 405-12 BY DELETING THE SECOND RESOLVED
CLAUSE THEREOF**

WHEREAS, December 20, 2012, the Sullivan County Legislature passed Resolution 405-12
“AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY VISITORS ASSOCIATION, INC.
TO APPLY FOR I LOVE NEWYORK MATCHING FUNDS”, and

WHEREAS, The second Resolved Clause of the aforesaid Resolution provided as follows: “...
that the County’s match for this program shall come from part of the 85% of room tax revenues
that are appropriated to the Sullivan County Visitors Association as part of the contract awarded
for tourism promotion for 2013, and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid Second Resolved Clause is precluded by the language of New York
State Tax Law, Section 1202-j(9), which provides that all of the room tax collected in the County
shall be paid ... to a not-for-profit corporation under contract with the county for the promotion
of tourism in the county. Provided, however, that such local law shall provide that the county
shall be authorized to retain up to a maximum of fifteen percent of such revenue to defer the
necessary expenses of the county in administering such tax.”, and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid Second Resolved Clause is also precluded by Local Law 3-2007
which is identical to Tax Law, Section 1202-j(9), and

WHEREAS, for the aforesaid reasons Resolution 405-12 must be amended by deleting the
Second Resolved Clause.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Resolution 405-12 is hereby amended by deleting, in its entirety, the second Resolved Clause of
such Resolution, provided that the rest and remainder of such Resolution shall remain in effect.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____, put to a vote, resolution
carried and declared duly adopted on motion _____, 2013

**RESOLUTION NO. INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
URGING THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE TO ENACT
ASSEMBLY BILL A5389-A AND SENATE BILL S.2078**

WHEREAS, Every person in New York State and the United States deserves access to affordable, quality health care, and the enormous, ever rising profits of private insurance companies, HMOs and pharmaceutical companies have resulted in the limiting and virtual denial of healthcare to millions of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Under the current system, both the insured and uninsured can incur financially crippling medical charges, (upwards of 60% of personal bankruptcies are linked to medical bills), coupled with unacceptable and sometimes life-threatening delays in obtaining ongoing, essential health care; and

WHEREAS, New York healthcare costs continue to increase exponentially, putting New York in the top 5 states for highest health care spending, making health insurance unaffordable for many, and creating an unsupportable financial burden for Sullivan County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, 2012 County Health Rankings (www.countyhealthrankings.org) show Sullivan County ranked 61 out of 62 NY Counties, next to last in overall health; and

WHEREAS, Statistics show that the greatest barrier to good health is poverty, and that denied access to adequate healthcare diminishes people's ability to work, prosper and promote their overall wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, New York's cost benefit analysis on securing state sponsored, quality health insurance for all New Yorkers revealed that only a single payer system like **New York Health** provided both the desired universal comprehensive healthcare and reduced healthcare spending by **\$20 billion** annually by 2019; and

WHEREAS, **New York Health** would significantly reduce the cost of public health programs like Medicaid and government paid health plans those for NYS employees, by eliminating the estimated 30% of costs generated by high administrative overhead, excessive executive compensation, and profit driven practices in the private health insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, **New York Health** would generate savings by replacing the complicated, costly and often chaotic claims procedures currently employed by thousands of public and private insurance providers, with a simple, one stop single payer system for all claims; and

WHEREAS, **New York Health**, funded by assessments based on ability to pay: a progressively graduated state payroll tax (80% by employer, 20% by employee, 100% by self-employed), a surcharge on upper bracket non-employment income (e.g. interest,

dividends, capital gains), and rollover of Federal funds (formerly paid for Medicare, Medicaid, Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus programs), will reduce healthcare costs for government, businesses and individuals and eliminate the “local share” funding of Medicaid that has been such a financial burden for County property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Senator Perkins and Assemblyman Gottfried have introduced the **New York Health** bill, A.5389-A (Gottfried) /Senate bill S.2078-A (Perkins), to provide affordable, high quality, comprehensive health care for all New Yorkers, with access to medical services and providers of their choice, without regard to age, income, health or employment status; and

WHEREAS, In adopting the **New York Health** single payer plan, New York would be joining with other states such as Vermont, Maryland, Oregon, Montana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and California in developing a universal health care alternative with better health coverage at significantly less cost than the one offered through recent federal legislation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the New York State Legislature be and hereby is respectfully memorialized by The Sullivan County Legislature to enact A.5389/S.2078 **New York Health** bill; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hon. Sheldon Silver, Hon. Dan Skelos, Hon. John J. Bonacic, Hon. Aileen Gunther and Hon. Claudia Tenney.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN AS A CO-APPLICANT WITH ULSTER COUNTY BOCES, AND THE COUNTIES OF ORANGE AND ULSTER ON A NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF STATE (NY DOS) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2012-2013 PROGRAM YEAR

WHEREAS, the Ulster County BOCES Board has become aware that the NY DOS has issued a Local Government Efficiency Grant application for the 2012-2013 program year, which is designed to assist school districts, county governments, and local municipalities in identifying opportunities to reduce the cost of services by ascertaining appropriate methods of combining resources; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County BOCES intends to apply for this grant as the lead applicant, with the counties of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster acting as co-applicants; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County BOCES acting as the lead applicant is responsible for all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the implementation of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County BOCES and the counties of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster intend to submit an application for this grant in order to implement the "Technology Efficiency Study Project" to solicit a study to evaluate the operation and delivery of technology, training and purchasing services in order to lower costs without compromising adequate service; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County BOCES as the lead applicant will seek on behalf of all applicants a maximum grant award of forty-three thousand three-hundred seventy five dollars (\$43,375.00) and will commit on behalf of all the applicants to a local cost share of ten percent (10%) or four thousand three-hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$4,338.00); and

WHEREAS, the four co-applicants will share the cost of the match with each paying a share amounting to one thousand eighty-four dollars and fifty cents (\$1,084.50); and

WHEREAS, if awarded, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be entered into with Ulster County BOCES before beginning the study and an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) will be entered into before implementing the study; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Sullivan is hereby authorized to be a co-applicant with Ulster County BOCES, and the counties of Orange and Ulster on a NY DOS Local Government Efficiency grant application for the 2012-2013 program year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and / or the Chairman of the County Legislature to execute any and all necessary documents to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Ulster County BOCES specific to a Local Government Efficiency Grant, if awarded, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Local Government Efficiency Grant funding for the program year of 2012-2013 be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding.

**Moved by,
Seconded by,
and adopted on motion, 2013**