

Authorizing The Director Of The Ulster County Veteran Services Agency To Sign All Documents Required By The New York State Division Of Veterans' Affairs For Reimbursement Of Indigent Veteran Burial Costs

Referred to: The Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Donaldson and Legislators Collins, Delaune, Eckert, Haynes, Wawro and Woltman), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, James Maloney, Joseph Maloney, and Petit)

Chairman of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee, David B. Donaldson, and Deputy Chair Heidi Haynes, offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County has recognized the responsibility to provide payment for burial and cremation services for indigent veterans; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County acknowledges the immeasurable contributions our veterans have made; and

WHEREAS, the County's Policy for Veteran's Burial was adopted by Resolution No. 97 dated April 9, 1981 and most recently amended by Resolution No. 369 dated October 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the County's Policy for Veteran's Burial, the Director of the Ulster County Veteran Services Agency is designated to cause the burial of any veteran who dies in Ulster County "without leaving sufficient means to defray his or her funeral expenses;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 1-a(a) of Section 148 of the New York State General Municipal Law, a county may request a "congressionally chartered veterans' organization" to provide funeral and burial services for indigent veterans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 1-a(d) of Section 148 of the New York State General Municipal Law, the state shall reimburse such congressionally chartered veterans' organizations for funeral and burial services for indigent veterans in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars per burial; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs ("NYSDVA") has applied the definition of "congressionally chartered veterans' organization" under Paragraph 1-a(a) to include County veterans' services agencies; and

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WHEREAS, the County's Veteran Services Agency desires to apply for reimbursement from NYSDVA for the expenses of indigent veteran funerals and burials in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars per burial; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of the Ulster County Veteran Services Agency to apply for reimbursement from NYSDVA for the expenses of indigent veteran funerals and burials in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars per burial, pursuant to Section 148 of the New York State General Municipal Law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of the Ulster County Veteran Services Agency to sign all applications, forms, and other documents required by NYSDVA for reimbursement of claims for indigent veteran burial,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Bartels, Collins, and Eckert)

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on November 13, 2018

Passed Committee: Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services on November 19, 2018

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
\$60,000.00 – ANTICIPATED 2019 STATE AID

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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 20th Day of November in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen, 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 17th Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
21st Day of November, 2018.

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

Approved by the County Executive this
29th Day of November, 2018.

/s/ Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive