

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 20, 2017 at 11:30AM

**I. HUMAN RIGHTS MONTHLY REPORT –**

**II. COUNTY MANAGER’S MONTHLY REPORT -**

**III. PRESENTATION- None**

**IV. DISCUSSION**

1. Status of Apollo Mall
2. Sullivan County Legislature’s position on the Highland Compressor

**V. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Amend the Rules of the Sullivan County Legislature by amending Rule 2A
2. Authorize sprinkler system inspection agreements with Sullivan Fire Protection Corp, for 2017 services
3. Amend Resolution No. 109-17 to correct the vendor name
4. Confirm the appointments of the County Manager to the Sullivan County Exhibit Review Panel
5. Accept the recommendations of the Sullivan county Solid Waste/Recycling Fee Grievance Committee
6. Accept and share proceeds of sale of real property Village of Liberty 117.-1-18
7. Establish an Opioid Epidemic Task Force
8. Authorize preparation and submission of a SAM Program Grant Application
9. Set salary of Staff Auditor
10. Reclassify Audit Clerk position to Senior Audit Clerk
11. Request Home Rule Legislation for S.5419 and A.7242 which extends the authorization for Sullivan County’s current sales tax rate

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AMEND  
THE RULES OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE RULE 2A—MAJORITY  
AND MINORITY LEADERS**

**WHEREAS**, it is desirous of a majority of the Sullivan County Legislature to amend Rule 2A to reflect a change in wording in sentence 1, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Rule 67 of the Rules of the County Legislature, said Rules may be amended upon a recommendation of the Executive Committee, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes an amendment of Rule 2A to reflect an amendment in sentence 1 as follows, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Rule 2A be amended and shall read as follows:  
*“Annually, the enrolled members of the two political parties which have polled the largest votes in the last general election for the county”, shall elect a leader of the respective parties, in caucus, prior to the first committee meeting of the year. The leader of the political party whose membership of the Legislature constitutes a majority of the Legislature shall be known as the Majority Leader. The leader of the other party shall be known as the Minority Leader. In the event that neither the members of one party nor the other constitute a majority of the members of the County legislature, then in said event, the Chairman of the County Legislature, shall designate one party leader as the Majority Leader and the other as the Minority Leader for the purpose of budgetary appropriation and other matters”.*

Moved by

Seconded by

And adopted on motion 2017

**RESOLUTION NO.                    INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO  
AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE(S) TO EXECUTE  
SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSPECTION AGREEMENTS WITH SULLIVAN FIRE  
PROTECTION CORP. FOR 2017 SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan Fire Protection Corp., P.O. Box 2021, 16 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg, NY 12779, was awarded the 2017 services for the Inspection, Testing & Certification of Sprinkler Systems at the Adult Care Center, the Sullivan County Jail, and the Monticello Transfer Station; and

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan Fire Protection Corp. requires that an inspection agreement be signed after each inspection as a condition for certification, and will not release an inspection report unless there is a signed inspection agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Manager or his designee(s) be and hereby is authorized to execute the sprinkler system inspection agreements with Sullivan Fire Protection Corp. for 2017 services at the Adult Care Center, Sullivan County Jail, and Monticello Transfer Station, said inspection agreements to be in such form as the County Attorney shall approve.

**Moved by** \_\_\_\_\_ , **seconded by**  
and declared duly adopted on motion

, put to a vote, unanimously carried  
, 2017.

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MODIFY  
RESOLUTION NO. 109-17 TO CORRECT VENDOR NAME**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 109-17 authorized the County Manager to enter into a contract with Alta Planning and Design, Inc, and

WHEREAS, the vendor's name and address is incorrect; and

WHEREAS, the correct name and address of the vendor is **Alta Planning + Design, Inc.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Resolution No. 109-17 is hereby modified to the corrected vendor name and address of **Alta Planning + Design, Inc.** All other provisions of Resolution No. 109-17 shall remain unchanged.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_,  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_,  
and adopted on motion \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_ INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY EXHIBIT REVIEW PANEL OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY "HOME GROWN ARTISTS" EXHIBITION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 480-16 the Sullivan County Legislature ("Legislature") created the Sullivan County "Home Grown Artists" Exhibition Program ("Program") pursuant to Resolution No. 480-16 and authorized the creation of the Sullivan County Exhibit Review Panel ("Panel"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Program authorizes the County Manager to appoint five (5) members of the Panel, subject to approval by the County Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager has advertised and sought interest from the community to volunteer to be a member of the Panel and the County Manager has interviewed each of the interested volunteers and recommends that the Legislature appoint the below five (5) members to the panel to a three year term.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby confirms the appointments of the following individuals to the Sullivan County Exhibit Review Panel to the following terms:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Bradley Diuguid	4/17/2017-4/17/2020
Amy Cohen Kulchinsky	4/17/2017-4/17/2020
Eugene Lovine	4/17/2017-4/17/2020
Nancy Sadler	4/17/2017-4/17/2020
Mark Philip Stone	4/17/2017-4/17/2020

**Moved by  
seconded by  
and adopted on motion**

COMBINED: LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM,  
CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS  
AND RESOLUTION COVER MEMO

To: Sullivan County Legislature

Fr: Joshua Potossek, County Manager

Re: Request for Consideration of a Resolution: Confirm Appointments to Home Grown Art Panel

Date: 2/22/2017

**Purpose of Resolution:** [Provide a detailed statement of what the Resolution will accomplish, as well as a justification for approval by the Sullivan County Legislature.]

TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY EXHIBIT REVIEW PANEL OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY "HOME GROWN ARTISTS" EXHIBITION PROGRAM.

Is subject of Resolution mandated? Explain:

No

Does Resolution require expenditure of funds? Yes \_\_\_ No

If "Yes, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are funds already budgeted? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If "Yes" specify appropriation code(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If "No", specify proposed source of funds: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Cost Breakdown by Source:

County	\$ _____	Grant(s)	\$ _____
State	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____
Federal Government	\$ _____	(Specify)	_____

Verified by Budget Office: \_\_\_\_\_

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Does Resolution request Authority to Enter into a Contract? Yes \_\_\_ No

If "Yes", provide information requested on Pages 2. If "NO", please go straight to Page 3 and acquire all pre-legislative approvals.

Request for Authority to Enter into Contract with [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] of  
[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

Nature of Other Party to Contract: .

Other:

Duration of Contract: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a renewal of a prior Contract? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If "Yes" provide the following information:

Dates of prior contract(s): From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Amount authorized by prior contract(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Resolutions authorizing prior contracts (Resolution #s): \_\_\_\_\_

Future Renewal Options if any:

Is Subject of Contract – i.e. – the goods and/or services Mandated? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If "Yes" cite the mandate's source; describe how this contract satisfies the requirements:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If "No" provide other justification for County to enter into this Contract: [County does not have resources in-house, best source of the subject materials, required by grant, etc.]:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total Contract Cost for [year or contract period]: (If specific sum is not known state maximum potential cost): \_\_\_\_\_

Efforts made to find Less Costly alternative:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Efforts made to share costs with another agency or governmental entity:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures (Bid, Request for Proposal, Quote, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) responsible for monitoring contract (Title): \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Legislative Approvals:

- A. <sup>Assistant</sup> Director of Purchasing: Amson Lewis Date 4/10/17
- B. Management and Budget: Janetmy Date 4/7/17
- C. Law Department: [Signature] Date 4/7/17
- D. County Manager: [Signature] Date 4/7/17
- E. Other as Required: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vetted in Executive Committee on 04/20/2017



**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 user 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 user 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

APPENDIX A - RECOMMENDED APPROVAL LIST

TOWN	SBL	CLASS CODE	PRIMARY OWNER	ADDRESS	TWN ST ZIP
Fallsburg	21.-1-35.01	670	State of NY	(2016 charge only; 2017 not charged fee)	

APPENDIX B - RECOMMENDED DENIAL LIST

TOWN	SBL	CLASS CODE	PRIMARY OWNER	ADDRESS	TWN ST ZIP
Callicoon	28.-1-3.5		Roger & Theresa Specht	PO Box 376	Jeffersonville, NY 12748
Liberty	12.-1-13.1C		Panayia of the Mountains Monastery	387 Benton Hollow Rd	Livingston Manor, NY 12758

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**COMBINED: LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM,  
CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS  
AND RESOLUTION COVER MEMO**

**To:** Sullivan County Legislature

**Fr:** Solid Waste/Recycling Fee Grievance Committee

**Re:** Request for Consideration of a Resolution:

**Date:** April 5, 2017

**Purpose of Resolution:** [Provide a detailed statement of what the Resolution will accomplish, as well as a justification for approval by the Sullivan County Legislature.]

Resolution to accept the recommendations of the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee for written appeals from property owners.

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**Is subject of Resolution mandated? Explain:**

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**Does Resolution require expenditure of funds? Yes  No**

**If "Yes, provide the following information:**

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are funds already budgeted? Yes  No**

**If "Yes" specify appropriation code(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**If "No", specify proposed source of funds:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Cost Breakdown by Source:**

County	\$ <u>300.00</u>	Grant(s)	\$ _____
State	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____
Federal Government	\$ _____	(Specify)	_____

**Verified by Budget Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Does Resolution request Authority to Enter into a Contract? Yes  No**

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Request for Authority to Enter into Contract with [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] of [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

Nature of Other Party to Contract: .

Other:

Duration of Contract: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Contract Cost for [year or contract period]: (If specific sum is not known state maximum potential cost): \_\_\_\_\_

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Person(s) responsible for monitoring contract (Title): \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Legislative Approvals:**

- A. Director of Purchasing: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Management and Budget: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Law Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- D. County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Other as Required: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vetted in Executive \_\_\_\_\_ Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO  
ACCEPT & SHARE PROCEEDS OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (117.-1-18) WITH  
VILLAGE OF LIBERTY IN FULL SATISFACTION OF ALL OUTSTANDING TAX  
LIENS, THROUGH & INCLUDING LIEN LEVIED JANUARY 1, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Liberty took title to Premises located at West Lake St., known as 117.-1-18 for non-payment of 2008 tax liens, and subsequent years up to and including 2016 County / Town taxes and 2016 / 2017 Village taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has a buyer that has purchased the property for \$500.00, and

**WHEREAS**, both the Village and the County agree to divide the net proceeds of the sale evenly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County agrees to accept payment from the Village of half of the proceeds of the sale (\$500.00) received from the buyer, Marc Baez, for the County's outstanding tax liens, with the Village of Liberty in full satisfaction of all County and Village taxes owed through January 1, 2016 & August 1, 2016, respectively, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Treasurer & the Village Treasurer are hereby authorized to journal their respective tax records to show receipt of said money as payment in full for all said delinquent tax liens & to discharge said liens accordingly.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH AN OPIOID EPIDEMIC TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, Legislator Alan Sorensen began raising concerns regarding growing opioid addiction and the direct-to-doctor and direct-to-consumer marketing of pharmaceuticals in U.S. during Legislative Committee meetings in 2013; and

**WHEREAS, WHEREAS**, various county agencies such as the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Sullivan County District Attorney's Office, Sullivan County Coroners, Sullivan County Public Health Services and Sullivan County Rural Health Network have noted a sustained and growing number of opioid addicted persons in our county as well as an increase in the number of deaths linked to opioid overdoses; and

**WHEREAS**, if not for the distribution of Naloxone to first responders, and widespread training in its use to the general public, the number of opioid related fatalities would have been significantly higher; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Legislature, County Manager, Commissioner of the Division of Health & Family Services, and the Director of Public Health Services have identified the need for additional resources to treat those suffering from opioid addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the opioid crisis affects nearly every part of Sullivan County and often starts in individuals who are prescribed opioid pain medications or who take opioid medication prescribed for other people and may progress to using illegally manufactured drugs, such as heroin; and

**WHEREAS**, dangerous and powerful opioids, such as fentanyl and heroin, are increasingly being sold on our streets, as a substitute to prescription medications for those addicted to opioids, and no single strategy alone can address this complex, multifaceted issue; and

**WHEREAS**, there is coordination of several individual anti-opioid initiatives currently undertaken throughout Sullivan County, including the Sullivan County Drug Prevention Task Force which is a subcommittee of the Sullivan County Rural Health Network.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Manager hereby declares a public health crisis related to the opioid epidemic that exists in Sullivan County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Sullivan County Legislature hereby orders as follows:

1. The creation of an Opioid Epidemic Task Force ("OETF") to be headed by the Commissioner of Health & Family Services;

2. OETF shall include representative from the following: experts from public health agencies, social service agencies, law enforcement, physicians, mental health and addictions providers, the health insurance industry, as well as members of victims' families;
3. OETF shall examine all areas of the opioid crisis including, but not limited to, opioid prescribing practices, access to inpatient, outpatient, and community-based medications-assisted treatment programs, police-assisted recovery, and the distribution of lifesaving medication like Naloxone;
4. OETF will coordinate efforts of its members and shall have the power to create various work groups and/or other subcommittees to assist it in the performance of its duties;
5. OETF shall meet quarterly and report back its progress to the County Legislature on a quarterly basis until such a time as the work of the task force is no longer needed.

**Moved by** \_\_\_\_\_,  
**Seconded by** \_\_\_\_\_,  
**and adopted on motion** \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES (“SAM”) PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION, OFFERING DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NY (“DASNY”) BOND PROCEED FUNDS, FOR A CAPITAL COST PROJECT ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL BILLBOARD ON ROUTE 17 / INTERSTATE I-86 IN THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN.**

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager, has identified a need for a capital cost project for the installation of a digital billboard on Route 17 / Interstate I-86 in the County of Sullivan; and

**WHEREAS**, NYS Senator John Bonacic was instrumental in securing New York State funding / DASNY bond proceeds under the SAM program offering \$100,000.00 in funding for the installation of a digital billboard to be located in the County of Sullivan on Route 17 / Interstate I-86; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will be available through the SAM program, under which DASNY is administering the program on the NYS Senate’s behalf; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sullivan has been assigned DASNY Project ID# 8919, and has been deemed eligible to submit the project nomination form, required documentation, and an application for SAM funding, wherein there is no matching requirement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature, and / or their authorized representative (*as required by the funding source award agreement*) to execute any and all necessary documents to submit the SAM application for funding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, and / or Chairman of the County Legislature (*as required by the funding source*) to accept the award, and enter into an award agreement or contract to administer the funding secured, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should the SAM funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding; and

**Moved by,  
Seconded by,  
and adopted on motion, 2017**

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**RESOLUTION NO. INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO SET  
THE STAFF AUDITOR SALARY THE OFFICE OF AUDIT AND CONTROL**

**WHEREAS**, the Staff Auditor position is a management position in the Office of Audit and Control; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Legislature sets the salary for such a position; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Staff Auditor position in the Office of Audit and Control shall be set at \$56,000 annually.

**RESOLUTION NO. INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO  
RECLASSIFY A POSITION IN THE OFFICE OF AUDIT AND CONTROL**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to reclassify the Audit Clerk in the Office of Audit and Control position to a Senior Audit Clerk position to maintain the daily responsibilities of the Monticello location as well as the Liberty location.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Audit Clerk position in the Office of Audit and Control be reclassified to a Senior Audit Clerk in the Office, in accordance with the Teamsters Salary schedule.

**RESOLUTION NO. OF 2017 INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S. 5419 AND NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.7242 AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW §1210(i)(33) WHICH AUTHORIZED AN INCREASE TO THE THREE PERCENT RATE AUTHORIZED BY STATE TAX LAW FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2019, FOR A TOTAL SALES TAX RATE OF 8%, 4% OF WHICH WOULD BE REVENUE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Legislature has requested that the New York State Legislature adopt Home Rule Legislation that would authorize the extension of the current sales tax rate in the County of Sullivan which is presently 8%, 4% of which is revenue for Sullivan County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to State Tax Law §1210(i)(33) the New York State Legislature previously authorized Home Rule Legislation that approved two increases in sales tax in the County of Sullivan; the first, by one half percent ( $\frac{1}{2}$  %) from seven percent (7%) to seven and one half percent ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ %) and the second, an additional one half percent ( $\frac{1}{2}$  %) from seven and one half percent ( $7\frac{1}{2}$  %) to eight percent (8%). Four percent (4%) of the eight percent (8%) is currently revenue for Sullivan County; and

**WHEREAS**, both of the one-half of one percent increases in the sales tax are set to sunset or expire on November 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Legislature desires to extend the current sales tax rate until November 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event that both of the one-half of one percent increases in the sales tax rate were allowed to sunset or expire the reduction in revenues created would require the Sullivan County Legislature to increase the real property tax rate by eighteen and one half percent (18.5%) in order to make up the deficit in the 2018 budget,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sullivan is dealing with significant losses of revenue due to the current economic downturn and the requested extension for the increase is both necessary and in the best interest of the County and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Legislature, by adopting Resolution No. 87-17 on January February 16, 2017, requested that the New York State Legislature adopt Home Rule Legislation extending the sunset date of New York State Tax Law §1210(i)(33) until November 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill No. S. 5419 is to be presented in the New York State Senate, and Bill No. A.7242 is to be presented in the New York State Assembly; both bills being identical, would permit the extension of the current sales tax rate in the County of Sullivan which is presently 8%, 4% of which is revenue for Sullivan County, until November 30, 2019.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby requests that the New York State Senate adopt Bill No. S.5419 and the New York State Assembly adopt A.7242, which shall authorize the extension of the current sales tax rate in the County of Sullivan, to be maintained at 8% of which 4% is revenue to the County, as expeditiously as possible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Sullivan County Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable John J. Bonacic, State Senator representing the 42<sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District, the Honorable Aileen M. Gunther, Assemblywoman representing the 100<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Hon. John Flanagan, Majority Leader of the Senate, Honorable Carl Heatsie, Speaker of the General Assembly, and the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the Great State of New York.

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