

RESOLUTION – EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE’S ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 102 - ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO FUND, FACILITATE, PERPETUATE AND SUPPORT THE AUGMENTATION AND OPERATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ULSTER

WHEREAS, the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is essential to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the Town of Rosendale and Ulster County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rosendale, along with other municipalities in Ulster County, faces increasing operational costs in maintaining reliable EMS services, including personnel, training, equipment, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the recently released EMS Services Delivery Report for Ulster County, New York, prepared by the Center for Public Safety Management, LLC, has identified significant challenges, including staffing shortages, increasing response times, and financial instability among local EMS providers; and

WHEREAS, proposed Resolution No. 102 establishes a policy to fund, facilitate, perpetuate, and support the augmentation and operation of local EMS in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) per annum, thereby providing much-needed financial relief and stability to municipal EMS services; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 102 further mandates transparency and accountability by requiring that funds be used solely for EMS-related expenses, including staffing, training, equipment procurement, and operational costs, with annual reporting requirements to the Ulster County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale recognizes that the sustainability and enhancement of EMS services are critical to public health and safety and that Resolution No. 102 represents a proactive and fiscally responsible approach to addressing EMS challenges in Ulster County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby expresses its strong support for the Ulster County Legislature’s adoption of Resolution No. 102 and urges its full implementation to ensure the continued availability of high-quality EMS services for all residents of Ulster County; and be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Ulster County Legislature, the Ulster County Executive, the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, and any other relevant agencies as an expression of the Town of Rosendale’s support for sustained EMS funding and service enhancement within the County.

Motion made at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale, March 12, 2025, by Supervisor Walsh and seconded by Councilm_____.

VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilman Cassidy _____

Councilman Havranek _____

Councilmember Sweeney _____

Councilmember Wykoff _____

Supervisor Walsh _____