

RESOLUTION NO. ___ INTRODUCED BY THE _____ COMMITTEE ADOPTING A POLICY IN SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL CONVERSION TO LED STREET LIGHTS.

WHEREAS, street lights are an integral public service provided by municipalities, and are vital for the safety of homeowners, businesses, institutions, pedestrians, motorists and first responders, and

WHEREAS, street lights make up a large portion of municipal electricity bills, and consume a significant amount of energy, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller in 2008 issued a report finding that municipal purchase of street lights from utilities can result in substantial long-term savings from avoided rental of the lights, and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of New York to 1) encourage shared services among municipalities due to cost saving opportunities, and 2) reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 and by 40 percent by 2030 and,

WHEREAS, advancements in lighting technology have made it possible for municipalities to realize energy savings of at least 65 percent and returns on investment of under five years after converting to Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research Authority has funded the Mid-Hudson Street Light Consortium to help communities convert to LED street lights,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ County Legislature hereby supports the activity of the Mid-Hudson Street Light Consortium and urges _____ County municipalities to work with the Consortium to identify and implement economical pathways to LED street light conversion, including through municipal purchase of existing street lights and participation in an aggregated purchase of new LED street lights.