

RESOLUTION NO. 2015036

RE: REQUESTING THAT DUTCHESS COUNTY OFFICE OF CENTRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICES EVALUATE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF OPEN DUTCHESS WEBSITE EXPERIMENT SIMILAR TO OPEN RALEIGH WEBSITE SEPARATE FROM OFFICIAL DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE

Legislators TYNER and FARLEY offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, Dutchess County government needs to do everything it can to involve Dutchess County residents as much as possible with as many means as possible in our county government, and

WHEREAS, in Raleigh, North Carolina, local residents there don't have to sit through hours of evening meetings at City Hall to engage with their local government; public participation can happen any time, any place, as long as a good Internet connection is available, and

WHEREAS, Open Raleigh is like a Wikipedia page for city data; information is free, easy to access, and editable by anyone; the citywide initiative aims to bring transparency to government and foster public participation using an open-source web platform, and

WHEREAS, Raleigh residents can provide direct input on everything from budget proposals to development applications or click through pages of public finance, police, or environmental data; it's all there, presented in colorful, interactive charts and graphs, and easily searchable by "keyword" or "most public comments"; it's all editable, too, and residents can reorganize, revisualize, and repost data, and

WHEREAS, the City of Raleigh website calls the project a "living document under the guiding principles of availability and access, reuse and redistribution, and universal participation"; it's open governance with an IP address, and

WHEREAS, Open Raleigh, as a brand, emphasizes data accessibility and information usability; there is no transparency without data usability; Open Raleigh emphasizes engagement and interactivity with data; tabular rows of numbers and machine-readable formats of GIS shape data are there for those that want to analyze the raw data themselves; for the other 99% there are visualizations that explain the numbers, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Legislature requests that the Dutchess County Office of Central and Information Services evaluate the cost and feasibility, as an experiment in democracy, of a super-interactive Open Dutchess website similar to Open Raleigh, separate from the current official Dutchess County government website, and report back to the Dutchess County Legislature on this, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Dutchess County Executive and Dutchess County Commissioner of Central Information Systems

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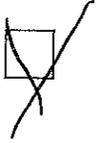
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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 9th day of February, 2015, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 9th day of February, 2015.

CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE



No Fiscal Impact

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS**

Total Current Year Cost                   \$

Total Current Year Revenue               \$  
and Source:

Source of County Funds (check one): Existing Appropriations  
Contingency  
Transfer of Existing Appropriations  
Additional Appropriations  
Other (explain)

Identify Line Item (s):  
Related Expenses:

Nature of Expenses:

Anticipated Savings to County:

Net county Cost (this year):               \$

(over five years):                           \$

Additional Comments: