## LOCAL LAW NO. 8-97 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

## A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND LOCAL LAW 7-82 TO CLARIFY THE DEFENSE AND INDEMINIFICATION OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Chautauqua as follows:

Section 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this local law is to ensure that the Sheriff is afforded the same defense and indemnification benefits as are all other County officers and employees and to clarify that all County officers and employees are entitled to a defense and indemnification in civil actions and proceedings brought before administrative agencies. This local law merely codifies existing practices and procedures, and does not mark a significant departure from previous policies.

Section 2. <u>Defense and Indemnification of Sheriff.</u> The benefits of Section 18 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York are specifically conferred upon the Chautauqua County Sheriff, who is to receive the same benefits as other county officers and employees under Section 18 of such law.

Section 3. <u>Defense and Indemnification in Administrative Matters.</u> The benefits provided to County officers and employees under Section 18 of the Public Officers Law shall be extended to administrative agency actions and proceedings as well as court actions and proceedings.

Section 4. <u>Effective Date.</u> This local law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Introduced: 10/22/1997

Adopted: 11/19/1997 R/C Vote: 22 Yes; 2 Absent

Public Hearing: 12/8/97 Adopted as Local Law 8-97