LOCAL LAW NO. 3-09 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

ELIMINATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LEGISLATORS

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

- 1. <u>Elimination of Health Insurance Benefits for County Legislators</u>. Effective January 1, 2010, County Legislators will not be eligible for a paid health insurance benefit.
- 2. Elimination of Health Insurance Opt-Out Payments and Retirement Health Insurance Benefits. Effective January 1, 2010, any health insurance opt-out payment alternative and any retirement health insurance benefits for County Legislators are hereby eliminated. Current or former County Legislators who have earned retirement health insurance benefits under the current or prior management benefit plans shall remain entitled to receive such benefits. Notwithstanding prior local laws, current County Legislators as of the effective date of this Local Law may use their accrued retirement health insurance benefits immediately at any time on or after January 1, 2010, whether or not they are still in office and whether or not they are of retirement age, or may defer their use until retirement from the Legislature in the manner otherwise available to County managers. No additional months of retirement health insurance coverage may be earned after December 31, 2009.
- 3. Participation in Managerial Health Insurance Plans by County Legislators. Notwithstanding the amended policy of health insurance benefits for County Legislators pursuant to this Local Law, County Legislators shall be entitled at their option to participate in other health insurance programs generally available to County managers, but shall be required to pay the full premium amount as determined by the Director of Finance for the applicable health insurance plan chosen by the County Legislator.
- 4. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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