

RESOLUTION NO. 119

PROVIDING EMERGENCY FUNDING TO THE SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC 1915 CHURCH FAMILY BARN

Introduced: 3/9/15

By Audit and Finance Committee, Messrs. Nichols, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Corcoran, Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Jacobson, Joyce, Ms. Kinsch, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McLean Lane, McKnight, Messrs. Morse, O'Brien, Rahm, Reilly, Simpson, Ward, Crouse and Ms. Lockart:

WHEREAS, The Watervliet Shaker Site, in a Historic District, is owned by the People of Albany County and is the first Shaker Settlement in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Since 1977, the Shaker Heritage Society, Inc., a nonprofit organization whose mission is "to celebrate and interpret America's first Shaker Settlement and to preserve it for the benefit of future generations" has worked tirelessly to maintain, operate and restore this site and many of its buildings in cooperation with the County of Albany, and

WHEREAS, The Shaker Heritage Society has secured a \$250,000 grant from New York State to restore the historic 1915 Church Family Barn, a rare example of an intact, early 20th Century dairy barn complex during its centennial celebration, and

WHEREAS, A recent discovery during the restoration project revealed serious structural problems with the foundation causing a sudden and unexpected increase in costs to the project of over \$100,000, and

WHEREAS, To complete the restoration of this project and extend the agreement with the State of New York to secure the remaining funding, the Shaker Heritage Society must raise a substantial sum of revenue to complete the project, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Shaker Heritage Society be appropriated \$90,000 to be paid out of the County Contingency Account A1990 within 10 business days of the enactment of this emergency resolution for the specific purpose of restoring the historic 1915 Shaker Barn, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Shaker Heritage Society report the progress of the barn restoration project to the Legislature within 60 days of receiving this funding and within 30 days upon completion of the barn restoration project, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 3/9/15