

RESOLUTION NO. 532

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH FOSTER CARE AGENCIES
REGARDING THE RAISE THE AGE INITIATIVE**

Introduced: 12/5/19

By Social Services Committee and Ms. McKnight:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into one-year agreements with foster care agencies which have been approved by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to operate residential foster care programs regarding the statewide Raise the Age initiative, and

WHEREAS, Thirteen foster care agencies have been approved by OCFS and will provide a specialized model of care designed specifically to address the needs of older youth who will be sent to their facilities, and

WHEREAS, Consideration for the services rendered by the agencies is in the form of rates established by the OCFS as a maximum per diem reimbursement per child, with no local share associated with the services, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into one-year agreements with thirteen agencies set forth in the foster care provider list of agencies annexed hereto for the provision of residential foster care programs for the Raise the Age initiative at rates determined by New York State for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, 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 – 12/5/19