

RESOLUTION NO. 558

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING AN EXTENSION OF THE COUNSEL AT FIRST APPEARANCE GRANT

Introduced: 12/5/19

By Law Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution 389 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services in the amount of \$749,700 regarding the Counsel at First Appearance Grant, and

WHEREAS, The Public Defender has been notified by the NYS OILS that a no-cost extension to the term is available, and has requested authorization to extend the grant term through May 31, 2020 in order to utilize the remainder of the program funding, and

WHEREAS, The Counsel at First Appearance Grant will continue and expand upon the Counsel at First Appearance programs practices currently in place as an effort to improve the quality and provision of indigent defense at first appearance and give provision of direct and continuous representation to eligible persons, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services regarding the extension of the Counsel at First Appearance Grant for the period ending May 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