## **RESOLUTION NO. 324**

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SUNY ALBANY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE-CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH REGARDING THE JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE

Introduced: 8/8/16

By Social Services Committee and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with State University of New York School of Social Welfare-Center for Human Services Research regarding the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) in the amount of \$38,279 for the period commencing April 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the continuation of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) will provide for the placement of a juvenile justice research assistant 45% of the time, working with the Department to assess all juvenile justice programs and initiatives to ensure the best outcomes for the youth and their families, and

WHEREAS, The goal of the JDAI is to further reduce unnecessary and inappropriate placement in secure detention of youths through the participation of per diem staff, bringing together all the necessary stakeholders and cooperatively developing and implementing local strategies and alternatives to juvenile detention, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into State University of New York Albany School of Social Welfare-Center for Human Services Research regarding the continuation of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) in the amount of \$38,279 for the period commencing April 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, 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 the resolution the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 8/8/16