

## RESOLUTION NO. 163

### RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN RFP FOR THE CREATION OF AN ALBANY COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Introduced: 4/13/15

By Mss. Benedict and Busch

WHEREAS, The majority of Albany County residents depend not only on government, but also on both big and small private businesses for needed employment and income to sustain their way of life and provide stability for themselves and their families, and

WHEREAS, Economic growth and the ensuing jobs that are created not only provide employment opportunities for our residents, but afford them with self-esteem and self-respect as they take advantage of advancement and educational opportunities offered through their employment, and

WHEREAS, Business development and economic growth also generates needed funds for our school districts, as well as financial benefits to local and County governments so they may provide various programs, initiatives, and activities for their residents, and

WHEREAS, In today's world of municipal competition for business entities and new high-tech business growth, Albany County must develop a strategic economic growth policy and a redevelopment plan as a blue-print for growth within the County similar to what was accomplished in Saratoga County, and

WHEREAS, Albany County's unique municipalities offer a wide variety of opportunities for economic growth, which are needed now and for future generations, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Albany County hire an independent consultant to draft a Request for Proposals (RFP) and, thereafter issue said RFP nation-wide for the purpose of hiring a firm to formulate an economic development and strategic plan for Albany County, and, be it further

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

*Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 4/13/15*