

**RESOLUTION NO. 319**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EQUINOX, INC. REGARDING RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES**

Introduced: 9/10/12

By Social Services Committee, Messrs. Clenahan and Domalewicz:

WHEREAS, The County Department of Social Services (DSS) is required by State law to provide for per diem reimbursements to State-approved providers of emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, State regulations require DSS to provide services to victims of domestic violence such as counseling, court and entitlement benefit advocacy, information and referral, 24-hour hotline services, community education and outreach, and

WHEREAS, Equinox, Inc. is a State-approved provider of the aforementioned services and the DSS Commissioner has recommended entering into a service agreement with Equinox, Inc. to provide domestic violence shelter residential services, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Equinox, Inc. for domestic violence shelter residential services at the State-established per diem rate of \$87.87 or at a rate to be established by New York State during the agreement term of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement 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. 9/10/12*