

RESOLUTION NO. 342

PROVIDING \$25,000 IN EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDING TO THE SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY FOR THE PURPOSES OF STABILIZING THE HISTORIC SHAKER BARN

Introduced: 8/8/11

By Messrs. Nichols, Clenahan, Domalewicz and Higgins:

WHEREAS, Albany County is home to the first Shaker settlement in the United States and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Sites, and

WHEREAS, This site consists of nine historic buildings including the Shaker Barn, the Shaker Meeting House, the Dairy, the Wash House and the Trustee House, and

WHEREAS, The Shaker Barn is currently in desperate need of stabilization and rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS, The People of Albany County own much of the Shaker Site and many of the historic buildings including the Shaker Barn and therefore have the responsibility to maintain and preserve it, and

WHEREAS, The Shaker Heritage Society has for decades served as stewards to the Shaker site and its buildings and property, working to provide educational opportunities for school children, tours, and other functions as well as successful fundraising from outside grants for the preservation and maintenance of the site and its buildings, and

WHEREAS, In order to draw down funds for a major rehabilitation grant for the Shaker Barn and stabilize this historic building, the Shaker Heritage Society needs to provide design work from an architectural firm that is specific to this project, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That \$25,000 from the County contingency fund is provided to the Shaker Heritage Society for the purposes related to stabilization and rehabilitation of the Shaker Barn including the necessary architectural drawings and design work, 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.

Referred to Law and Audit and Finance Committees. 8/8/11