RESOLUTION NO. 508

EXPRESSED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED SUBMITTED TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PERTAINING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW NURSING HOME FACILITY

Introduced: 12/5/11

By Messrs. Nichols, Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, Certificate of Need documents have been submitted to the New York State Department of Health pertaining to the development of a new Albany County Nursing Home, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body has consistently supported the development of a new Albany County Nursing Home, and

WHEREAS, The Establishment and Project Review Committee of the New York State's Department of Health Public Health and Health Planning Council met on November 17, 2011 to review Albany County's proposed new Certificate of Need, and

WHEREAS, At that meeting, the Committee unfortunately deferred a decision on this as some Committee members raised concerns about costs and others made expressions in support of nursing home privatization, and

WHEREAS, The Establishment and Project Review Committee is meeting again to further consider this application on December 8, 2011, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature hereby declares its continuing support for the development of a new Albany County Nursing Home facility and is again requesting approval of the proposed new Certificate of Need, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature is aware that patient reimbursement rates may change but believes that a new and properly-run facility will be affordable, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature is particularly troubled by plans to privatize county nursing homes, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate State and County Officials.

Adopted by voice vote. 12/5/11