

RESOLUTION NO. 29

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PROACT, INC. REGARDING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM FOR ALBANY COUNTY RESIDENTS

Introduced: 2/8/10

By Personnel Committee, Mr. Morse, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Ward, Mss. Willingham, Benedict, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Hoblock, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mendick, Tunny and Zeilman:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 528 for 2004, this Honorable Body requested the County to seek bid proposals to initiate a prescription drug discount card program, which failed to result in an established program, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 68-a for 2009, this Honorable Body once again requested the County Executive and the County Purchasing Agent to again seek bid proposals to initiate a prescription drug discount card program for Albany County residents, and to solicit proposals from various providers of the drug discount programs, and

WHEREAS, It has been determined by this Honorable Body since 2004 that the cost of prescription drugs for those without insurance or who are underinsured can consume a significant portion of the household budget and force families to choose between medicines or everyday necessities, and

WHEREAS, As the nation's economy worsens and unemployment rolls soar, an increasing number of counties have responded to the high cost of prescription drugs by sponsoring drug discount card programs that offer residents average savings of 10-20% on brand-name drugs and 20-50% on generic drugs, and

WHEREAS, The County has finally finished the task requested and ProAct, Inc. is recommended to provide a prescription drug discount card program, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature continues to be desirous of providing a program for affordable prescription medicines for Albany County residents, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with ProAct, Inc. to implement drug discount programs in Albany County in accordance with the proposal submitted, 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 Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 2/8/10