

## **RESOLUTION NO. 299**

### **RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING SOCIAL SERVICES BENEFITS**

Introduced: 7/12/10

By Ms. Lockart:

WHEREAS, Albany County has and continues to provide mandated services above and beyond levels set forth by those mandates, and

WHEREAS, Providing services that exceed those mandated by the State and Federal governments attract people in need of services from surrounding counties who do not offer the extraordinary benefits and services provided by Albany County, and

WHEREAS, Albany County has seen an influx of residents from other counties within the State of New York “moving” to Albany County to take advantage of the social service benefits that exceed their home county, and

WHEREAS, Many, if not most of these above described new residents, come solely to take advantage of the generosity of the taxpayers of Albany County, and

WHEREAS, The County of Albany is facing an unprecedented financial crisis, and

WHEREAS, Significant steps must be taken to avoid financial collapse of County Government and/or the imposition of an unmanageable property tax increase, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body does not think it is proper for individuals who have changed their residency intra-state to take advantage of the social service benefits that exceed their home county, and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of this Honorable Body that a residency requirement must be established for individuals who change their residency intra-state, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Executive develop and establish a six month residency requirement for individuals who have changed their residency intra-state, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these individuals must prove their six months of residency before they receive social services benefits from Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County of Albany shall not provide any mandated service beyond the amount and/or scope that has been mandated by the State and Federal government and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the residency requirement shall be established and effective no later than 45 days from the passage of this resolution, 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 Social Services Committee. 7/12/10*