

## **RESOLUTION NO. 349**

### **IMPLEMENTING STEPS TO STABILIZE THE FISCAL CONDITION OF ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 8/9/10

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

WHEREAS, The County of Albany, like other counties in this nation and state, is experiencing the effect of a national recession while at the same time shouldering an ever increasing share of mandated programs, and

WHEREAS, The 2010 Budget for the County of Albany suffers from a deficit in revenues and a cash shortage and it is probable that the 2011 and 2012 budgets will present the same economic problems that the County currently faces, and

WHEREAS, The fiscal condition of the County dictates that this Honorable Body take steps to stabilize the fiscal condition, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That it is the goal of this Body that a property tax increase be avoided in the 2011 budget, and, be it further

RESOLVED, Decreasing non-personnel spending by 10% for 2011 will result in a savings of nearly \$40 million, therefore, all Departments are required to decrease expenditures by a minimum of 10% from 2010 levels for the 2011 Budget, and, be it further

RESOLVED, It is imperative that the County get spending under control and stop any and all unnecessary spending therefore, this Honorable Body requires all Departments to take serious measures to eliminate all but absolutely essential spending, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Body that personnel reduction goals can be reached through attrition and retirements, and, be it further

RESOLVED, The out of control health care and personnel costs cannot be managed without future planning and in order to curb costs, the County should refrain from across the board raises for employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements and health insurance contributions for new employees need to be raised to 15%, 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. 8/9/10*