

RESOLUTION NO. 305-a

ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION PROGRAM IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 7/12/10

By Mr. Scavo, Law and Audit and Finance Committees, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Domalewicz and Ethier:

WHEREAS, First responder is a term used to describe all emergency service personnel such as police officers and firefighters who are expected to respond to emergencies and large scale disasters, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body believes that Albany County owes a debt of gratitude to the heroic first responders of Albany County and that our appreciation should be shown in every way possible to thank these men and women who risk their lives to protect ours, and

WHEREAS, To honor the first responders in Albany County, this Honorable Body desires to establish a commission to develop an appreciation program whereby Albany County first responders may possibly receive discounts such as an agreed upon percentage off purchased goods and services at participating establishments and/or establishing a first responder eligibility or preference for educational or home buying grants, and

WHEREAS, The development of an appreciation program will require the help of individuals such as attorneys, grant writers, local municipal leaders, local police and fire chiefs and police and fire union representatives who have an understanding of the needs of the first responders and local businessmen who have expertise in business and understand the benefits that such a program would bring not only to the Albany County first responders, but to the businesses that would voluntarily participate, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that a twelve (12) member commission is hereby established, membership to include attorneys, grant writers, local municipal leaders, local police and fire chiefs and police and fire union representatives and local businessmen appointed by the Legislature, to develop an appreciation program that will entitle Albany County first responders to discounts at participating establishments and/or any other benefit the commission determines to be beneficial and legally permissible, 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 Committee. 7/12/10

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 10/12/10

On roll call vote the following voted in favor: Mr. Aylward, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Carman, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Clouse, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Hoblock, Joyce, Mayo, Mendick, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck and Timmins – 26.

Those opposed: Ms. McKnight – 1.

Abstained: Messrs. Dawson, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Mss. Lockart, Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. McCoy, Morse, Tunny, Ward, Ms. Willingham and Mr. Zeilman – 11.

Resolution was adopted. 11/8/10