

## RESOLUTION NO. 246

### URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO OVERRIDE GOVERNOR PATAKI'S VETO OF THE CONTRACT DISCLOSURE BILL

Introduced: 7/10/06

By Messrs. Shafer, Collins, Aidala, Aylward, Beston, Clay, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cunningham, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Frederick, Gordon, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Monjeau, Morse, Nichols, Reilly, Riddick, Steck, Ward, Mss. Wiley and Willingham:

WHEREAS, New York State spends more than \$2.6 billion a year on contracts for consulting services and between 1995 and 2005, the New York State government workforce was reduced by about 10%, and

WHEREAS, In many cases the reduction in State civil service employees has been accompanied by an increase in State spending on contracts for consultant services, and

WHEREAS, Audits by the State Comptroller and independent studies have shown that in many cases, the cost of performing services through contracts with consultants is much higher than the cost of hiring State employees to perform similar services, and a study by the Fiscal Policy Institute estimated that the State could reduce its costs by \$500 million a year by reducing its reliance on consultant contracts, and

WHEREAS, The State Senate and Assembly last year by unanimous votes passed contract disclosure legislation, Senate Bill No. 1920/Assembly Bill No. 6542, requiring the State to publicly disclose key facts about how much it spends on consulting services contracts and how many employees it hires on a contract basis, only to see the Governor veto the legislation on October 21, 2005, and

WHEREAS, The efficient operation of State Government and the stability of the State workforce is important to the people and the economy of Albany County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature calls upon the State Senate and State Assembly to override the Governor's veto of the contract disclosure legislation, Senate Bill No. 1920/Assembly Bill No. 6542, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Sen. Neil Breslin, Assemblymen Ronald Canestrari, John McEneny, Robert Reilly and Pat Casale and to the appropriate County Officials.

*Adopted by voice vote. 7/10/06*