## **RESOLUTION NO. 177**

## AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES REGARDING THE ROAD TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

Introduced: 6/12/06 By Law Committee:

WHEREAS, The District Attorney has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services in the amount of \$70,000 commencing January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006 to expand the Structured Treatment to Enhance Public Safety/Road to Recovery (STEPS/RtR) program, and

WHEREAS, The District Attorney has indicated that the expanded STEPS/RtR program will be implemented in conjunction with the Department of Mental Health, which is receiving a separate \$133,500 grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to screen eligible felony offenders through the Drug Court, and

WHEREAS, The program diverts non-violent addicted felony offenders with at least one prior felony conviction to intensive drug treatment as an alternative to prison, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services in the amount of \$70,000 commencing January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006, regarding the expanded STEPS/RtR program, 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 County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 6/12/06