

## RESOLUTION NO. 152

### ADOPTING THE NYS SAFE CHILD ID CARD PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING PARENTS AND GUARDIANS IN CHILD IDENTIFICATION IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 5/8/06

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

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested Legislative approval to adopt the New York State Safe Child ID Card Program as the countywide program for assisting parents and guardians in child identification in Albany County, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body, by Resolution No. 348 for 2005, authorized an agreement between the Sheriff's Department and the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services upon its selection as one of 24 law enforcement agencies in the State to implement the program, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has indicated that Department personnel have been trained in the use of specialized equipment loaned by DCJS to produce Safe Child ID cards free of charge to parents and guardians that contain the child's photograph, biographical information and fingerprints, and

WHEREAS, In the event the child is missing, the ID card can be presented immediately to law enforcement officials to eliminate wasted minutes gathering information that instead could be spent searching for the child, and with the prior consent of the parent or guardian, the information can be stored in a secure DCJS computer for instantaneous transmission to the Amber Alert Program and purged when the child reaches the age of 18, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has indicated that the Sheriff's Department also will activate the Countywide Reverse E-911 System and telephonically notify all residents in a specified area of the child's disappearance, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body approves the adoption of the NYS Safe Child ID Card Program as the countywide program for assisting parents and guardians in child identification in Albany County, 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. 5/8/06*