

RESOLUTION NO. 15

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NYS OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE SECOND COUNSEL AT FIRST APPEARANCE GRANT

Introduced: 2/13/17

By Law Committee and Mr. Clenahan:

WHEREAS, The Public Defender has been notified by the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services that funds are available regarding the Second Counsel at First Appearance Grant, in the amount of \$250,000 per year, for a period of three years, which would begin on June 1, 2017 and end on May 20, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Second Counsel at First Appearance Grant will continue and expand upon the Counsel at First Appearance programs practices currently in place as an effort to improve the quality and provision of indigent defense at first appearance and give provision of direct and continuous representation to eligible persons, and

WHEREAS, The Public Defender's office received funding previously and has been successful in implementing the Counsel at First Appearance program; The Public Defender seeks to continue to improve upon the program and is requesting to submit the grant application and accept funding if awarded to Albany County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit an application, in the amount up to \$250,000 per year, for a period of three years, which would begin on June 1, 2017 and end on May 31, 2020 and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said application 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. 2/13/17