

A motion was made by Mr. Steck to invoke Rule 11 and was passed by voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 403

URGING ALBANY COUNTY EXECUTIVE MICHAEL BRESLIN TO STOP THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FURLOUGHS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Introduced: 10/13/09

By Messrs. Steck, Bullock, Infante, Aylward, Domalewicz, Ms. Connolly, Mr. Beston, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Cotrofeld, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Houghtaling, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2009, Albany County implemented the first of five furlough days of county employees planned over the next five remaining months of 2009, and

WHEREAS, This furlough plan calls for county workers to take five unpaid days off to offset a projected budget gap in Albany County, and

WHEREAS, Albany County Employees provide many important services to residents of Albany County, and

WHEREAS, Closing of County offices reduces the ability of Albany County residents to receive needed services, and

WHEREAS, The closing of County Offices reduces the services deemed necessary by the Albany County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, Albany County employees, through their designated representatives have proposed alternatives to forced furloughs, and

WHEREAS, Other cost saving measures are available, and

WHEREAS, Reduced salary, as result of forced unpaid furlough days, will place an undue hardship on county employees, their families and county residents who rely on the vital services the county provides everyday, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature expresses its disapproval of forced furloughs as a method of gaining cost savings, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature expresses its disapproval of the resulting reduction in services provided to and for County Residents, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is strongly advised to work with all stakeholders, including citizens, employee representatives and the Legislature to develop solutions to the County's financial situation prior to taking such precipitous steps in the future, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature calls upon the Albany County Executive to cease immediately the remaining furlough days planned, 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.

On roll call vote the following voted in favor: Mr. Aylward, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Bullock, Carman, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Clouse, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Hoblock, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Mss. Lockart, Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Mendick, Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Tunny, Ward, Ms. Willingham and Mr. Zeilman – 36.

Those opposed: Mr. Timmins – 1.

Mr. Horstmyer abstained.

Resolution was adopted. 10/13/09