

RESOLUTION NO. 24

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 323 FOR 2006

Introduced: 2/12/07

By Health Committee, Messrs. Feeney and Collins:

WHEREAS, The County Health Commissioner has indicated that grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 is available through the National Association of County and City Health Officials to support development of a Medical Reserve Corps and promote its integration into the County's public health and emergency response system, and

WHEREAS, The Medical Reserve Corps program, under the auspices of the U.S. Office of the Surgeon General, provides a structure to organize and train volunteer health care professionals who are not part of existing public health, hospital-based or medical emergency response systems to supplement and strengthen response capabilities in the event of a large-scale emergency, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that since 9/11 the Department has developed comprehensive emergency response plans to address major bioterrorism threats and emerging communicable disease outbreaks such as SARS and Pandemic Influenza and enrolled more than 200 volunteer nurses for integration into the existing Albany County Citizens Corps, and

WHEREAS, The proposal would address Resolution No. 323 for 2006 requesting the Health Commissioner to explore creation of a Medical Reserve Corps and report his recommendations to the Health Committee of the Legislature, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit an application for a \$10,000 grant to the National Association of County and City Health Officials to support the development of a Medical Reserve Corps in Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials to accept the \$10,000 grant, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said application and 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. 2/12/07