

RESOLUTION NO. 32

AUTHORIZING MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS

Introduced: 2/12/07

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

WHEREAS, The Albany County Executive has requested authorization to enter into separate mutual aid agreements with the five counties contiguous to Albany County and with 20 jurisdictions within the County, and

WHEREAS, The Executive indicated that mutual aid agreements are encouraged by Federal and State emergency preparedness agencies and will help avoid delays caused by legal and financial questions among participating responding municipalities that arise during emergency or disaster situations, and

WHEREAS, The mutual aid agreements clarify the rules for cooperative aid and reimbursement among counties and among Albany County and municipal governments within the County to share staff, facilities and equipment necessary to address disasters and emergencies in the Capital Region, and

WHEREAS, The agreements, which would be effective for five years from the date of execution by all parties, would include Albany, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady and Schoharie counties in one agreement and in the other agreement, Albany County, the cities of Albany, Cohoes and Watervliet, towns of Berne, Bethlehem, Coeymans, Colonie, Guilderland, Green Island, Knox, New Scotland, Rensselaerville and Westerlo, the villages of Altamont, Colonie, Green Island, Menands, Ravena, Voorheesville and the Albany County Airport Authority, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into five-year mutual aid and assistance agreements with the above-listed counties and jurisdictions, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements 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