

RESOLUTION NO. 238

ESTABLISHING THE ALBANY COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICES BOARD TO EXPLORE SHARING SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Introduced: 5/14/07

By Messrs. Gordon, Aidala, Aylward, Beston, Burke, Clay, Collins, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Horstmyer, 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, It is in the best interests of Albany County and its municipalities to form a Municipal Services Board to explore the potential for cost savings from shared services and resources as a means to reduce the cost of local government and provide relief to taxpayers from rising budgets and property taxes, and

WHEREAS, In order to accomplish this goal, this Honorable Body proposes that the Albany County Legislature and the governing boards of each of the three cities, 10 towns and six villages each appoint representatives to serve on the board on behalf of the municipality, and

WHEREAS, The 21 member Board, consisting of two members from the County and a member from each participating municipality, would be charged with evaluating ways to encourage sharing services and equipment as opposed to consolidating services, to improve efficiency and promote cooperation by local governments and to take advantage of the Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) grant program administered by the NYS Department of State, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature hereby establishes the Albany County Municipal Services Board and requests the governing boards of each of the three cities, 10 towns and six villages to each appoint a representative to serve on the Board, 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, city, town and village officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 5/14/07