

RESOLUTION NO. 327

REQUESTING THE COUNTY SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS ADVANCING THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 7/9/07

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

WHEREAS, A sex offender management workgroup formed in March at the request of the Legislative Majority Leader that included representatives from the Albany County Departments of Social Services, Probation, Mental Health, Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center, Sheriff's Department, Public Defender's Office and District Attorney's Office, the State Division of Parole, Albany City and Colonie Town Police and provider agencies, has recommended the establishment of a Sex Offender Management Plan to ensure a comprehensive and collaborative approach to address challenges regarding convicted sex offenders living in the community, and

WHEREAS, As part of the management plan, the workgroup recommended the establishment of a subcommittee to focus solely on the issue of housing sex offenders and to expand efforts to educate parents and children about sex abuse and personal safety, and

WHEREAS, The report notes that at the end of May, 2007, some 335 registered sex offenders live in Albany County, including 114 Level 2 (at moderate risk of repeat offense) and 71 Level 3, or high risk, offenders, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature extends its appreciation to the Workgroup for its thoughtful and thorough study of the issues and approaches for Albany County to follow to protect the public safety, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body requests the Sex Offender Management Workgroup to develop strategies and programs advancing its recommendations to develop a comprehensive Sex Offender Management Plan including the establishment of a subcommittee to focus solely on sex offender housing issues and to recommend efforts to expand public education programs in Albany County, said plan to be submitted for review and approval by the Legislature, 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. 7/9/07