

RESOLUTION NO. 329

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE ALBANY COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTEER GPS ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM FOR SEX OFFENDERS

Introduced: 7/9/07

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

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body continues to believe it is essential to assure residents of Albany County that County Government continues to make every effort to protect children and others from sexual predators, and

WHEREAS, According to the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services as of May, 2007, there are currently residing within Albany County 335 registered sex offenders of which 114 are classified as Level 2 with a moderate risk of re-offending and 71 of which are classified as Level 3 with a high risk of re-offending, and

WHEREAS, Many of these registered sex offenders who reside within the County are no longer supervised by the New York State Division of Parole or the Albany County Probation Department, and

WHEREAS, In order to provide a level of protection for our children and to afford sex offenders an opportunity to shield themselves from claims that they are in areas frequented by children or engaging in activities which could subject them to questioning or arrest when sex offenses against children are committed by unknown individuals, it is in the interests of both our children and sex offenders to establish a voluntary program for the GPS electronic monitoring of sex offenders residing within Albany County, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body has previously by Resolution No. 310 for 2005, authorized the Albany County Probation Department to enter into an agreement for equipment which will allow for the voluntary GPS electronic monitoring of sex offenders who reside within Albany County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body requests the Director of Albany County Probation Department to establish a program for the voluntary GPS electronic monitoring of sex offenders who reside within Albany County to assist in the protection of children and others vulnerable to sexual predators and to shield sex offenders who volunteer to participate in the program from claims that they are in areas frequented by children or engaging in activities which could subject them to questioning or arrest when sex offenses against children are committed by unknown individuals, 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