

RESOLUTION NO. 419

DIRECTING THE ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR AGING TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING GLOBAL POSITION SYSTEM (GPS) MONITORING PROGRAM FOR ALZHEIMER PATIENTS

Introduced: 10/9/07

By Mss. Barlette, Benedict, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Hoblock, Ms. Prentiss and Mr. Tunny:

WHEREAS, More than five million Americans have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and will lose their ability to recognize familiar places, forget names and faces, sometimes even their own, and

WHEREAS, Between 60 and 70 percent of all Alzheimer's patients will wander and possibly get lost, at some point during the course of their disease and a staggering 50% will die if they are not found within 24 hours, and

WHEREAS, Albany County has committed to developing new initiatives and services that support keeping the aging and infirm population in their homes instead of in long term care facilities, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Department for Aging is hereby directed to conduct a study to explore the feasibility of establishing a Global Position System (GPS) monitoring program for Alzheimer patients residing Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this feasibility study shall be conducted in conjunction with any other County department that would potentially have a role in the program, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the study shall be completed no later than 60 days from the passage of this resolution and subsequently a written report shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Social Services Committee, with copies distributed to the Majority and Minority Leaders, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Social Services Committee. 10/9/07