

RESOLUTION NO. 239

REQUESTING THE NYS HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PERMIT ALBANY COUNTY, WITHOUT PENALTY, TO ACCEPT ALBANY COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO SOUGHT ADMISSION TO THE ALBANY COUNTY NURSING HOME BETWEEN FEBRUARY 12TH AND APRIL 17, 2007

Introduced: 5/14/07

By Mr. Morse, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Shafer, Reilly and the Albany County Legislature:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 51 for 2007, this Honorable Body on February 12th directed the Albany County Nursing Home to accept admissions up to a maximum resident census of 370, until such time as the County began the transition to consolidate the resident population of the Ann Lee Home into the Albany County Nursing Home, and

WHEREAS, The Legislature took the action out of concern for families unable to locate available skilled nursing home beds in the community for their loved ones as the result of a unilateral directive of the County Executive refusing new admissions to the two nursing homes in anticipation of the consolidation, and

WHEREAS, On April 17, 2007, the NYS Health Department notified Albany County that it had approved a closure plan for the Ann Lee Home with an anticipated closure date of June 30, 2008, by which time the County is directed to reduce the combined census to 250 residents, and

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of several members of this Legislative Body that an estimated 40 Albany County residents were refused admission during the time period between February 12th and April 17, 2007, even though the census fell below 370 beds, and candidates for admission were forced to enter nursing facilities outside of Albany County and in some cases, out of state, resulting in isolation from, and inconvenience to, the families, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, To rectify this inequity, this Honorable Body requests the NYS Health Department to allow the nursing home to admit, without financial or other penalty, the estimated 40 Albany County residents who were refused admission between February 12th to April 17, 2007, and, be it further

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

Adopted by unanimous vote. 5/14/07