

RESOLUTION NO. 328

REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASING FLEXIBLE-FUEL VEHICLES WHEN REPLACING COUNTY-OWNED CARS OR LIGHT PICKUP TRUCKS

Introduced: 7/9/07

By Messrs. Gordon, Aidala, Aylward, Beston, Burke, Clay, Clenahan, Collins, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, 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, Albany County has the opportunity to join the owners of four million flexible-fuel vehicles operating on roads across the United States in an effort to reduce greenhouse gases and dependence on imported oil with the purchase of flex-fuel cars or light trucks when replacing County-owned vehicles, and

WHEREAS, Flex-fuel vehicles are designed to operate on gasoline or on a blend of 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline called E85, a renewable fuel made from U.S. grown corn or grain products, and

WHEREAS, The variety of flex-fuel cars and the availability of E85 to power them has been growing in recent years, and

WHEREAS, The major car manufacturers are producing dozens of models of flex-fuel cars, sports utility vehicles and light pickup trucks, and Albany is about to become one of the first upstate New York cities to get an E85 station, and

WHEREAS, The growing interest among Americans in driving "green" vehicles has strengthened the agricultural economy and gives local corn and grain farmers the opportunity to participate in the resurgence, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature requests the County Executive to explore the feasibility of purchasing flexible-fuel vehicles when replacing county-owned cars or light pickup trucks, 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