

## RESOLUTION NO. 244

### AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HOPE HOUSE, INC. REGARDING A WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY RESIDENCE

Introduced: 7/14/08

By Social Services Committee and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has recommended that the County renew an agreement with Hope House, Inc. to provide residential services for women experiencing alcohol/substance abuse and their minor children ages newborn through nine, and

WHEREAS, Single women, pregnant women and women with children will be eligible for admission to the facility which will have a capacity of 21 adults and up to 12 children, with occupancy expected to average 24 individuals, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the facility will fill a critical gap in the continuum of services available to women in Albany County and will allow women to secure appropriate treatment services without disrupting their parenting roles with their children, and

WHEREAS, The services to be provided by the facility will include room and board, medical services, coordination with alcohol/substance abuse treatment, child care, parenting education and modeling, assessment of special needs, appropriate recreational opportunities for children and families and other related services, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Hope House, Inc. regarding the provision of a community residence for women and children commencing October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009 at the New York State-established rate, currently set at \$900 per month for adults and \$36.16 per diem for children, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, 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. 7/14/08*