

RESOLUTION NO. 493

**DIRECTING THE ALBANY COUNTY NURSING HOME TO OFFER
ADMISSION TO ALBANY COUNTY RESIDENTS DENIED PLACEMENT
DURING DOWNSIZING FREEZE**

Introduced: 12/8/08

By Messrs. Morse, McCoy, Messrs. Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Ward, Mss. Willingham, Benedict, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Hoblock, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mendick, Tunny and Zeilman:

WHEREAS, From January 2007 until September 15, 2008, the County imposed a freeze on new admissions to its two nursing homes in anticipation of closing the Ann Lee Home and reducing the combined resident census to 250 at the Albany County Nursing Home, as required by the State Berger Commission, and

WHEREAS, During that 18-month period, a number of families were unable to locate available skilled nursing home beds in the County and were forced to place their loved ones in homes outside the Capital District region and even outside the State, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body believes it is only fair and equitable to afford those Albany County residents who were unable to secure admission to the Albany County Nursing Home during this period the opportunity to return to Albany County to live near their families and friends, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature directs the Administration of the Albany County Nursing Home to develop and widely publicize a plan to allow Albany County residents placed in nursing homes outside the area during the admissions freeze the option to return to the Albany County Nursing Home if they desire, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the nursing home administration should maintain a list of this group of residents and alternate admissions between those on the list and those awaiting discharge from area hospitals, and, be it further

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

Adopted by unanimous vote. 12/8/08