

## RESOLUTION NO. 200

### **AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CANA RX REGARDING PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES**

Introduced: 6/8/09

By Personnel Committee, Messrs. Morse, Domalewicz, Joyce, Messrs. Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Comisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 300 for 2008, this Honorable Body requested the County Executive and the Department of Human Resources to incorporate a lower-cost Canadian drug option in the County's prescription drug benefit plan for employees, retirees and their dependents, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Resources was also requested to devise a program to offer employees and retirees incentives to participate in the Canadian drug option to achieve maximum savings for the County and County taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, Based on previous research it has been reasoned that Albany County could anticipate yearly savings of about \$687,000 if only 10% of the covered beneficiaries participated in a Canadian drug option and more than \$2 million if 30% of those beneficiaries ordered so-called maintenance medications from Canada, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Resources, through the Purchasing Agent developed an RFP for the procurement of Canadian drugs and two proposals were submitted and reviewed, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Resources has recommended Cana Rx as representing the best value for the County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cana Rx, as per the proposal submitted, for the procurement of lower-cost Canadian drugs for employees, retirees and their dependents, 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 Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

*Adopted by voice vote. 6/8/09*