

## RESOLUTION NO. 257

### ADOPTING THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY PLEDGE IN ALBANY COUNTY AS PART OF THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Introduced: 7/13/09

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

WHEREAS, The County Executive's Office has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the Climate Smart Communities Program Pledge, and

WHEREAS, The voluntary Climate Smart Communities Program Pledge is a state and local partnership designed to encourage climate protection by making emission reductions that help stabilize atmospheric green house gases, and

WHEREAS, The Climate Smart Communities Program commits Albany County to undertake actions to combat climate change by becoming a climate smart community, set goals regarding emissions targets, decrease energy demands for local government operations, encourage renewable energy for County government operations, expand recycling and solid waste management practices, and

WHEREAS, The Climate Smart Communities Program Pledge also commits Albany County to climate protection through community land use planning, plan and evaluate risks from unavoidable climate changes, support a green innovation economy, inform and inspire the public and acknowledge that research and policy on climate protection are improving and evolving, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County of Albany hereby adopts the Climate Smart Community Pledge and the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the Climate Smart Communities Program, 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. 7/13/09*