

**RESOLUTION NO. 366**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE UPSTATE FAMILY DEFENSE (CHILD WELFARE) QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CASELOAD REDUCTION GRANT**

Introduced: 10/12/21

By Law Committee and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Executive has requested authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services regarding the Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant in an amount of up to \$500,000 over a three-year term, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has indicated that this funding will be used to improve the quality of representation to parents accused of child maltreatment who cannot afford to retain counsel by developing a program that includes pre-petition access to counsel, integration of non-attorney professionals such as social workers and parent advocates, and other specialized training opportunities, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services regarding the Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant in an amount of up to \$500,000 over a three-year term, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said application 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.