

RESOLUTION NO. 9

AMENDING THE 2009 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY'S HANDGUN BUYBACK PROGRAM

Introduced: 1/12/09

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

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested additional funds to continue support for the County's handgun buyback program accepting handguns in exchange for \$150 gift certificates, a part of an effort to reduce gun violence throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff indicated that since the County in late August last year joined with the gun surrender program established by the Rev. Charles Muller of the Victory Christian Church in Albany, 66 handguns have been retrieved in return for \$9,900 in County-funded gift certificates, and

WHEREAS, The program established by Pastor Muller accepts handguns anonymously with no questions asked in exchange for gift certificates to Crossgates Mall or Colonie Center, with the guns turned over to the Albany Police Department for destruction, and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of Albany County residents to continue support for the ongoing handgun buyback program, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 2009 Albany County Budget is amended as follows:

Decrease Appropriation Account A1990.4 Contingent Account by \$10,000 by decreasing Line Item A1990 4 4999 000 Misc Contractual Expenses by \$10,000

Increase Appropriation Account A3110.4 by \$10,000 by increasing Line Item A3110 4 4062 000 Handgun Buyback Program by \$10,000

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. 1/12/09