## RESOLUTION NO. 3592

A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION BY THE FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION OF THE ALBANY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A COMMUNITY ACTION FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500 THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 1995/96 the city of Albany is experiencing a significant number of residential fires; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these fires the city of Albany has experienced a property loss of \$604,214; and

WHEREAS, there exists a tremendous potential loss of life as a result of these fires; and

WHEREAS, the greatest percentage of these fires occurred in neighborhoods with a high percentage of lowincome families and elderly citizens; and

WHEREAS, the grant monies will be used to develop fire and life safety oriented activities within the targeted neighborhoods. These activities will consist of education programs that address the use of cigarettes, housekeeping, heating appliances, and proper use of matches and lighters. The key message will be that you can have an impact on your own lives and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this community-oriented fire and life safety program is to begin to create a bridge between low-income neighborhoods and the Fire Department. By creating neighborhood partnerships we will be establishing a forum through which we will be influencing firesafe behavior and reducing the number of fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council hereby authorize the Fire Prevention Division of the Albany Fire Department to apply for a Community Action Fire Safety Education Grant through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY 1996.

Mayor Jaran

ATTEST

City Récorder