## RESOLUTION NO. 4954

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEMS AND BASELINE MEDICAL EVALUATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Fire Department promotes wellness and fitness for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department needs to replace existing built-in vehicle exhaust removal systems in each fire station with new systems; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the National Fire Protection Association standard for medical evaluations, the Fire Department would like to provide baseline medical evaluations for emergency services employees; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing \$750 million in grants for fire departments nationwide; and

WHEREAS, a program in the grant, Operations and Firefighter Safety, identifies exhaust systems and wellness and fitness as eligible activities; and

WHEREAS, the application period for this grant ends April 2, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Albany City Council authorizes the Fire Department to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the purpose of obtaining vehicle exhaust removal systems and baseline medical evaluations.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 29TH DAY OF MARCH, 2004.

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Mayor

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