

Whereas, While keeping a person in jail or prison costs about \$29,000 to \$45,000 a year, the cost for drug treatment for a patient is only about \$9,000 a year; and

Whereas, Chief Administrative Judge Lippman stated that the annual budget of the court system could finance the initiative without additional funds and he believes there is currently enough space in drug treatment programs for many additional patients; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appropriate Committee of the Council of the City of New York conduct a hearing on the plan of Chief Judge Judith Kaye of the New York State Court of Appeals to offer nonviolent drug-addicted offenders the choice of undergoing drug treatment rather than incarceration.