RESOLUTION NO. 5902

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR \$18,450 THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT TO PROVIDE LOCAL PRESENTATION OF THE PEER FITNESS TRAINING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND REPLACE TWO STATIONARY EXERCISE BICYCLES.

WHEREAS, the International Association of Firefighters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs created the Fire Service Joint Management Wellness Fitness Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Service Joint Management Wellness Fitness Initiative is a multifaceted approach to decrease the number of early deaths in the fire service by improving firefighter health, wellness, fitness, safety, and performance; and

WHEREAS, one component of the Fire Service Joint Management Wellness Fitness Initiative revolves around having fitness trainers who are trained in exercise activities that are beneficial and relate to firefighters performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Peer Fitness Training Certification Program was created to address the Fire Service Joint Management Wellness Fitness Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Fire Department would like to provide Peer Fitness Training Certification to four of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Fire Department needs to replace two stationary exercise bicycles used for firefighter fitness; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant allows funding for firefighter safety, which encompasses firefighter wellness and fitness; and

WHEREAS, the application period for this grant ends May 28, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Albany City Council authorizes the Fire Department to apply for \$18,450 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to provide a local presentation of the Peer Fitness Training Certification Program and to replace two stationary exercise bicycles.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2010.

Mayor