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# **Cheryl Dinolfo**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **DINOLFO'S OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEGRITY LEGISLATION PASSES**

*The Local Law Amending the Monroe County Charter to create an Office of Public Integrity Passed with Overwhelming Bipartisan Support, 28-1*

The Monroe County Legislature voted tonight to approve a local law to amend the Monroe County charter to create an Office of Public Integrity. County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** submitted the referral to the County Legislature on January 11<sup>th</sup>, delivering on her promise of a more open and transparent County government.

*"Together with the community and my colleagues in the Monroe County Legislature, we have enacted legislation that ensures Monroe County government will be as open, honest, and accountable as possible,"* said **Dinolfo**. *"I look forward to establishing the Office of Public Integrity and hiring a Director who will act as an impartial steward for all county operations. The Office of Public Integrity is the cornerstone of my forward-looking integrity agenda."*

The Office of Public Integrity has been empowered with the following responsibilities: examine all County operations independently with the full authority to report findings to law enforcement; address concerns received from Monroe County residents; subpoena witnesses or information from any private vendor doing business with the County, including LDCs; conduct financial and operational investigations and audits of County departments; and provide recommendations to improve accountability and efficiency. The legislation ensures all whistleblowers are protected.

In addition, the Director of the Office of Public Integrity is prohibited from participating in any political activities. The Director will provide an annual report to the County Legislature and County Executive.

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