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Committee Assignment

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To The Honorable Monroe County Legislature 407 County Office Building Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amend Resolution 109 of 2019 to Authorize Contracts for the Preschool Special Education

Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 109 of 2019 to authorize contracts with additional contractors approved by the Monroe County Department of Public Health for the provision of services for the Preschool Special Education Program ("Preschool Program").

The Preschool Program is a federally mandated program through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Monroe County is required by New York State to administer the Preschool Program to children, age three to five, who are eligible for special education services. The County fulfills this responsibility by contracting with a variety of eligible, State-approved, Preschool Program providers for evaluations, consultations, education and related services. The Preschool Program providers, who deliver Special Education Classrooms and Special Education Itinerant Services, submit an application and go through an approval process with the New York State Education Department ("NYSED"). Based on the most recent school year with completed data (2019–2020), the Preschool Program served 3,268 Monroe County children.

The specific legislative action required is to amend Resolution 109 of 2019 to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute contracts, and any amendments thereto, with the approved schools, agencies and individuals identified in Resolution 109 of 2019, and additional contractors approved by the Monroe County Department of Public Health as needed, provided they submit the appropriate approval by the New York State Department of Education or have met the requirements of the New York State Department of Education Office of the Professions, for the provision of services for the Preschool Special Education Program.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

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Funding for these contracts is included in the 2020 operating budget of the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds centers 5807510000, PSE Tuition & SEIT, 5807520000, PSE Related Services and 5807530000, PSE Preschool Evaluations, and will be requested in future years' budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that none of these agencies or individuals owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

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Monroe County Executive

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