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

Subject: Authorize the Creation of Three (3) New Positions in the Public Defender's Office and Authorize the Creation of Nine (9) New Positions in the Conflict Defender's Office as Part of Year 3 Funding of the Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Project Grant

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize the creation of three (3) new positions in the Public Defender's Office and nine (9) new positions in the Conflict Defender's Office as part of year 3 funding of the Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Project Grant. The three (3) new positions in the Public Defender's Office are as follows: three (3) Public Defender Assistant Grade I, Group 19. The nine (9) new positions in the Conflict Defender's Office are as follows: one (1) Special Assistant Conflict Defender, Group 22; four (4) Assistant Conflict Defender Grade I, Group 18; and four (4) Assistant Conflict Defender Grade II, Group 17.

These positions will be fully funded through the Statewide Expansion Hurrell-Harring Project Grant from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services pursuant to Resolution 191 of 2019.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to create three (3) new positions in the Public Defender's Office as part of year 3 funding of the Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Project Grant as follows: three (3) Public Defender Assistant Grade I, Group 19.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to create nine (9) new positions in the Conflict Defender's Office and as part of year 3 funding of the Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Project Grant as follows: one (1) Special Assistant Conflict Defender, Group 22; four (4) Assistant Conflict Defender Grade I, Group 18; and four (4) Assistant Conflict Defender Grade II, Group 17.

3. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action," as that term is defined in 6 by NYCRR § 617.2(b), and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for these positions is included in the 2021 operating budget of the Public Defender's Office, general fund 9300, funds center 2601010000, Public Defender Administration and the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, general fund 9300, funds center 2402010000, Legal Representation. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

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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