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Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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

Subject: Authorize a License and Operating Agreement with Heritage Christian Services, Inc. to Operate Springdale Farm at Northampton Park

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a license and operating agreement with Heritage Christian Services, Inc. ("Heritage") to operate Springdale Farm at Northampton Park for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028, with the option to renew for up to two (2) additional five-year terms.

Heritage Christian Services has operated Springdale Farm on behalf of Monroe County since 1993. Springdale Farm is a working educational farm that offers agricultural experiences to county residents, including a petting zoo, poultry center, greenhouse, orchard, trails, and event space. Other than during a significant disruption in operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, similar experiences have been offered allowing residents to walk around and experience "farm life" at Springdale for many decades.

In addition to continuing or relaunching the activities listed above, Heritage will add or expand public-facing programs at Springdale Farm through partnerships with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, and the Seneca Park Zoo Society.

A request for proposals was issued with Heritage Christian Services the sole respondent.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to enter into a license and operating agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Heritage Christian Services, Inc., 275 Kenneth Drive, Ste. 100, Rochester, New York 14623, to operate Springdale Farm at Northampton Park for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028, with the option to renew for up to two (2) additional five-year terms.

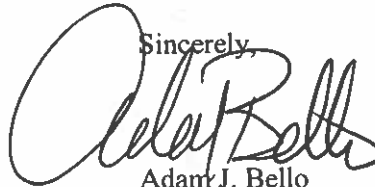
This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(21) ("minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment") and (26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This licensing agreement will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures in the current Monroe County budget.

Heritage Christian Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam J. Bello". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "B".

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2023

**AUTHORIZING LICENSE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH HERITAGE
CHRISTIAN SERVICES, INC. TO OPERATE SPRINGDALE FARM AT NORTHAMPTON
PARK**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a license and operating agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Heritage Christian Services, Inc. to operate Springdale Farm at Northampton Park for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028, with the option to renew for up to two (2) additional five-year terms.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 23-0

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____