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

Subject: Amend Resolution 329 of 2023 to Accept Additional Grant Funding from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York; Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to Increase Funding for the Project Entitled "Construction of a 9/11 First Responders Memorial at Highland Park;" and Amend Bond Resolution 330 of 2023 to Increase Financing for the Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 329 of 2023 to accept additional grant funding from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY") in the amount of \$100,000; amend the 2025 Capital Budget to increase funding for the project entitled "Construction of a 9/11 First Responders Memorial at Highland Park" by \$100,000 for a total project authorization of \$350,000; and amend Bond Resolution 330 of 2023 to increase financing for the project by \$100,000, from \$250,000 to \$350,000.

These additional grant funds would bring the total grant allocation for this project to \$350,000.

The proposed 9/11 First Responders Memorial will be located in Beikirch Park, the park formerly known as "Highland Park South," that is currently home to the War on Terror and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, among others. The concept for the proposed memorial includes two (2) eleven-foot-tall granite towers and one (1) 9-foot-tall brick structure surrounded by walkways, lighting, plaques, flagpoles, benches and landscaping. The total project cost is estimated to be \$350,000. The County was originally awarded a grant of \$250,000 for this project from DASNY, which is now being modified to \$350,000. The DASNY grant is sponsored by State Assemblymember Harry B. Bronson.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 329 of 2023 to accept an additional \$100,000 from, and to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto with, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York for the project entitled "Construction of a 9/11 First Responders Memorial at Highland Park," bringing the total award to \$350,000.
2. Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to increase funding for the project entitled "Construction of a 9/11 First Responders Memorial at Highland Park" by \$100,000, from \$250,000 to \$350,000, for a total project authorization of \$350,000.
3. Amend Bond Resolution 330 of 2023 to increase financing for the project entitled "Construction of a 9/11 First Responders Memorial at Highland Park," capital fund 2085, in the amount of \$100,000, from \$250,000 to \$350,000, for a total authorization of \$350,000.

This is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(9) ("construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in capital fund 2085 once the additional financing authorization herein is approved, and in any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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