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

Subject: Amend Resolution 74 of 2022 to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services and Extend the Time Period for the Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 74 of 2022 to accept additional funding from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services in the amount of \$750,000 for the Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant for the Office of the Monroe County Conflict Defender, and to extend the time period for three (3) years through December 31, 2027.

This additional funding will allow the Office of the Conflict Defender to fund existing Family Court personnel and expand community outreach and education surrounding our early defense program for legal assistance prior to court involvement in Child Protective cases.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 74 of 2022 to accept an additional \$750,000 from and to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant for the Office of the Monroe County Conflict Defender, bringing the total award to \$1,250,000, and extending the time period for three (3) years through December 31, 2027.

2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, Office of the Conflict Defender, by appropriating the sum of \$750,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 2402010000, Conflict Defender.
3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.

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 further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services. 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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