

By Legislators Barnhart and Baynes

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2025

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Section 1. In accordance with Section C6-12 (j) of the Monroe County Charter, the appointment of Dina Johnson to the Monroe County Board of Health, for a term to begin immediately and to expire on August 31, 2029, is hereby confirmed.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Agenda/Charter; November 24, 2025 - CV: 9-0
File No. 25-0336

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

Dina Johnson
Rochester, NY 14626

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Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
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November 7, 2025

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AGENDA/CHARTER -L

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

Subject: Confirmation of Appointment to the Monroe County Board of Health

Honorable Legislators:

In accordance with § C6-12 (J) of the Monroe County Charter, I hereby submit to Your Honorable Body for your confirmation, the appointment of the following individual to serve on the Monroe County Board of Health, for a term to begin immediately and to expire on August 31, 2029.

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The specific legislative action required is to confirm the appointment of Dina Johnson to the Monroe County Board of Health, in accordance with § C6-12 (J) of the Monroe County Charter, for a term to begin immediately and to expire on August 31, 2029.

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

This action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of 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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