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

Subject:

Acceptance of a Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant-In-Aid from the

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Under the Municipal

Waste Reduction and Recycling Capital Projects State Assistance Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling ("MWRR") Grant-In-Aid from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation "(NYSDEC"), in the amount of \$28,600 under the MWRR Capital Projects State Assistance Program to reimburse Monroe County for costs associated with the Expanded Polystyrene ("EPS") Densifier at the Waste Management/Monroe County ecopark located at 10 Avion Drive in the Town of Chili.

The MWRR Capital Projects State Assistance Program is available to counties to provide up to a 50 percent match of eligible costs for capital projects that enhance municipal recycling infrastructure. In 2018, the EPS Densifier was procured and installed at the ecopark. The EPS Densifier allows residents to bring clean, white packing foam to the ecopark to be recycled. In 2019, Monroe County applied for the MWRR Grant-In-Aid to reimburse the County for costs associated with the EPS Densifier. In February 2025, the NYSDEC notified the County that a grant award had been made.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$28,600 Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant-In-Aid from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under the Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Capital Projects State Assistance Program for costs associated with the Expanded Polystyrene Densifier at the Waste Management/Monroe County ecopark located at 10 Avion Drive in the Town of Chili.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(31) ("Purchase of sale of furnishing; equipment or supplies; including surplus government property other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials.") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

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Funding for this grant, along with 50 percent match requirements, was previously included in the 2018 operating budgets of the Department of Environmental Services, solid waste fund 9009, and funds center 8201010000 Solid Waste Administration. 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