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

Subject:

Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement Among Monroe County and the Towns of

Irondequoit, Penfield and Webster to Renew the Irondequoit Bay Coordinating

Committee

## Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an intermunicipal agreement among Monroe County and the Towns of Irondequoit, Penfield and Webster to renew the Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030, with the option to renew for one (1) additional five-year term.

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure a coordinated and consistent effort by the Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee ("IBCC") and the Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff ("IBTS") in advising on the environmental effects of development around Irondequoit Bay. The IBTS convenes regularly to address ongoing Bay-related issues, such as the review of development applications, updates on water quality monitoring, and the coordination of safety measures. Recent initiatives have included the installation of speed limit signage, "Rules of Irondequoit Bay" postings, and partnership with the Monroe County Sheriff's Marine Unit and the U.S. Coast Guard on waterway traffic, accident response, and large gathering protocols. Given that Irondequoit Bay is a designated freshwater wetland under the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYS DEC"), IBTS also works closely with the NYS DEC to address critical environmental concerns, such as invasive aquatic vegetation, water level management, and Bay water quality. Additionally, the IBTS partners with the New York State Department of State to ensure the Harbor Management Plan aligns with and advances each town's Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan.

There have been four (4) previous intermunicipal agreements between Monroe County and the Towns of Irondequoit, Penfield, and Webster in 1985, 1997, 2010, and 2015. During that time, the IBCC and IBTS supervised the development of management measures, a hiking plan, a biological study, a harbor management plan, and harbor management laws.

This intermunicipal agreement memorializes the continued dedication of all involved parties and articulates the goals, roles, and responsibilities of the IBCC and IBTS, as well as non-signatory local and state agencies.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, among Monroe County and the Towns of Irondequoit, Penfield and Webster to renew the Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030, with the option to renew for one (1) additional five-year term.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(33) ("adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions in connection with any action on this list") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This intermunicipal agreement 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.

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